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## WAR HANGS OVER COLONY

*Suspicious Military Activity Over The Border*

### Carrier Pigeons Save Crew

#### GERMAN STEAMER WRECKED

Gotenburg, To-day. Carrier pigeons played a decisive part in the rescue of the crew of the German steamer "Erika," which had gone ashore on a reef near Skagen.

With the wireless out of order the ship had no means of communication except for a number of pigeons on board.

These were released with an S.O.S. message attached.

Only one bird, as far as is known, succeeded in reaching land, getting as far as Gotenburg.

A Danish salvage tug was immediately sent out to assist the wrecked German vessel—Trans-Ocean.

#### QUEEN MARIE'S ILLNESS

#### No Cause For Alarm

Bucharest, To-day. A bulletin states that Queen Marie of Rumania, following decline of her attack of influenza, has developed slight symptoms of haemorrhage in the stomach.

This necessitates rest and a suitable diet.

Official Court circles state there is no cause for alarm.—Reuter.

#### FRENCH DEFENCE LOAN

Paris, To-day. The second portion of the French Defence Loan has been fixed at 3,000,000,000 francs on the same conditions as the first portion of the loan.

Subscription lists will close on March 25.—Reuter.

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### TROOPS MOVE TO MEET MENACE

The menace of war hangs over the Colony today. While the rupture in relations between Redland (Hong Kong) and Blueland has not yet developed to the stage of actual hostilities, military authorities regard the present quiet as merely the lull before the storm.

SIGNS OF A GATHERING OF FORCES BY BLUELAND, IN ALLIANCE WITH NORTHLAND, TO BEGIN EARLY ON SLAUGHT ARE NOT LACKING.

During Sunday, Blue aircraft repeatedly flew over Red territory. Consequently it was decided at a Red meeting during the night 14/15 March to institute at once the precautions necessary to resist any attacks which might be launched by Blue and/or by Northland.

#### A.A. DEFENCES MANNED

In accordance with orders then issued, the Fixed and Anti-Aircraft defences were manned at once and continuous watch is being kept by night and day.

The Seaforth Highlanders fully deployed on the Island, and the Royal Ulster Rifles and Royal Welch Fusiliers supported by the batteries of the Hong Kong Brigade, Royal Artillery deployed into prepared positions across the Mainland from Port Shelter through Tide Cove to Gin Drinkers Bay. All these troops were in position by nightfall yesterday.

Blue aircraft continued occasionally to circle over Redland but committed no other hostile act.

Red aircraft carried out reconnaissance over sea and land. A dusk air reconnaissance revealed no Blue vessels within 200 miles.

#### AERODROME OVER BORDER

A dawn air reconnaissance this morning revealed activity at an aerodrome 20 miles north of the frontier and a body of troops possibly with no hostile intent advancing westward along the northern shores of Mirs Bay.

As a precaution against trans-frontier attack, the Kumaon Rifles and a mountain battery were rallied to Fanling in the early hours this morning. Local fog prevented effective Red reconnaissance seaward.

Unfortunately for the Colony, a serious outbreak of influenza has prevented the effective immediate mobilization of her Naval and Military Volunteer forces. It is hoped, however, that a certain number will be fit for duty some time tomorrow.

#### SUSPECT CRUISER

It was reported last night by a

### TIENTSIN SHOOTING INCIDENT

#### THREE KOREANS KILLED

TIENTSIN, TO-DAY. STRONG DEMANDS BY JAPAN TO CHINA ARE PREDICTED BY THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS HERE.

This follows a shooting affair at Chiuchow, a town between Tientsin and Tsangchow, on March 12 when Chinese police fired on two truck-loads of sugar which were escorted by Koreans.

One truck escaped and returned to Tientsin but the second crashed owing to a bullet bursting a tyre.

Two of three Koreans in the truck were killed.

Chinese reports allege that the Chinese police mistook the smugglers for bandits.—Reuter.

#### LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that an irregular anti-cyclone of moderate intensity covers China and Mongolia; the depression is moving eastward across Hokkaido. Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy with drizzle or mist, probably improving.



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by FRANK C. PAPE

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TROOPS TO DON PEDRO.—THROUGH  
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## RETURN OF CAPITAL TO SHARE HOLDERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Vibro Piling Company Limited was held at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

There were present Messrs. S. M. Churn (Chairman) J. J. Basto and the Hon. Dr. E. H. Kotewall (Directors), F. E. D'Almada Remedios (Secretary) and E. W. Blackmore, C. H. Basto, Lam Shu Chuen, Lo Pang Tin, Yeung Pok, L. Weill, M. Weill and L. G. Rebeiro (Shareholders).

The Chairman said:

Gentlemen, from the Profit and Loss Account you will have observed that after providing for depreciation in the sum of \$7,379.70, the net profit for the year amounts to \$25,842.76, a showing which I feel certain you will concur with me is highly satisfactory.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I think you will find that this statement is very straight-forward and hardly requires any comment except perhaps, the observation that the items Investment on First Mortgage shown at \$30,000.00, Secured Loans at \$21,000.00 and Cash in hand at \$55,386.37, reflect in a very vivid manner the excessive capital on hand. However, as this feature of our situation will be dealt with fully at the Extraordinary Meeting which is to take place after the present Meeting, I will defer until further reference to it until then.

Of the Accounts Receivable shown at \$21,059.40, only \$300 remains unpaid at date, this sum being the retention money of one of the Contracts completed last year. We expect the release of this retention sometimes next month.

I would like to avail of this opportunity to tell shareholders that the year through which we are now passing has started under very encouraging conditions, and I have every reason to hope that when we next meet it will be possible to present as favourable a showing.

With these remarks, Gentlemen, I formally propose that the Report and Accounts as presented, including the recommendation to transfer \$26,514.17 from Profit and Loss Account to Plant and Machinery Account be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. L. Weill and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall was re-elected a Director for the ensuing year, whilst Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected Auditors.

Return of Capital

Immediately after the above Meet-

ing, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company was held to consider a Resolution to reduce the Capital of the Company by paying off \$2.00 per share on each of the 32,300 shares issued.

The Chairman addressed shareholders as follows:

The Company commenced operations early in January 1930 with an issued Capital of \$70,750.00, with one Plant and a working capital of approximately \$25,000.00. After a few months the need of an additional Plant was felt, and the issued capital was increased to \$105,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring this second Plant.

In 1931 we made an investment in the Shanghai Company to operate the "Vibro" system in that field. This investment was made partly from profits and partly through an increase in capital. Unfortunately, however, the Shanghai Company proved a failure, and the whole of the investment has since been written off from profits.

It is mainly on this account, Gentlemen, that the Company finds itself today in possession of a Capital very much in excess of its needs and inasmuch as you will have gleaned from the circular letter addressed to you that the proposed reduction of Capital would not in any way impair the profit earning capacity of the Company, your Board, after the fullest consideration, has come to the conclusion that the best interest of shareholders, as well as the Company, would be served by returning \$2.00 per share on the 32,300 issued shares of the Company.

Nominal Capital Reduced

With these observations, Gentlemen, I formally propose the adoption of the following Resolution:

"That the nominal Capital of the Company be reduced from \$215,000.00 divided into 42,000 shares of \$5.00 each to \$150,400.00 divided into 10,700 shares of \$5.00 each and 32,300 shares of \$3.00 each and that such reduction be effected by returning paid up capital to the extent of \$2.00 per share to the shareholders of the 32,300 shares of \$5.00 each which have been issued."

I shall be pleased if someone would second the motion.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. L. G. Rebeiro and was carried unanimously, after which the Chairman announced that the necessary legal steps to give effect to the Resolution would be taken forthwith.

## THE WORLD GOES BY

**H**ERE is a neat little communication recently circulated in the offices of a certain Hollywood film corporation. "Inter office memorandum. Will members of the staff please note that Frank Prince will hereafter be known as Fred Lawrence instead of George Wells. (This refers to Frank Prinz).—Publicity Director."

It reminds me of a celebrated artist whose real name was Green, but who worked under the name of Heywood, until he found there really was an artist called Heywood, so he signed himself De Falla.

He says that if anybody called De Falla turns up, he's going back on the Green standard.

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### Fashion Notes

A cute fashion snooper from Berlin reports that "A new and improved type of steel helmet has been introduced in the German Army. It weighs between two and two and a half pounds, according to size. This is seven ounces less than the old type.

"The edge is set somewhat higher so that the eyes and ears are freer than before. The helmets are made of steel plate."

Really smart folk who want to be "ever so" should make a point of wearing these natty hats in fashionable Hong Kong dug-outs.

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### Remedy

"I am wondering what it is that causes a tight feeling round the throat when I listen to beautiful music. My friends tell me I am soft. Can you suggest a remedy?" —Christina.

Stop listening.

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### Happy Xmas

Accra has been called the "white man's grave." They are very cheery about it, however, out there. Here is a chatty little ad. from the *African Morning Post* that appeared when preparations for Christmas were at their height:

"Buy or book your Christmas requirements of furniture from Sharp and Company, Accra. Select models of coffins always in stock."

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### Get It?

"Separate departments on the same premises are treated as separate premises for this purpose where separate branches of work which are commonly carried on as separate businesses in separate premises are carried on in separate departments of the same premises." —Labour Exchange notice.

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### Blossom Time

I suppose there are few things more beautiful than an orchard at blossom time.

In Australia the fruit business is having a sudden boom. An ingenious chemist employed by a munitions firm has discovered that fruit

## SHANGHAI GIRL'S SUICIDE

Miss May Caroline Thompson, 24 years old, died in the Parlim Hospital in Shanghai shortly after she had been admitted suffering from poison.

Miss Thompson, who was British and a well-known swimmer and general athlete, was found dying in the bathroom of her parents' residence, in Lane 215, Medhurst Road, at 7.30 a.m., a drained disinfectant bottle beside her.

She was taken to hospital in an ambulance and expired shortly afterward. An autopsy was performed. H. M. Coroner's inquest was adjourned till to-day.

### PEOMINENT IN SPORTS

Miss Thompson had been prominent in sports and athletic activities in Shanghai for a number of years. One of the best swimmers and divers among the ladies, she was a valuable member of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. team and held records at various times.

She was also an enthusiastic tennis player, representing the Rowing Club in the women's league, of which she was secretary for a time.

Hockey was another interest of Miss Thompson's. She was prominent in league play in Shanghai during the past few seasons.

She was employed by the office of the Athletic Director, Foreign Y.M.C.A., for the last several years.

### BRITISH & GERMAN SAILORS

#### Fraternising At Gibraltar

A detachment of German sailors from the "pocket battleship" Deutschland attended the funeral in Gibraltar of Able-Seaman John Francis Turner, of H.M.S. Cairo. Able-Seaman Turner, who died after a short illness in the military hospital, was unmarried and a native of Hull.

The Deutschland also sent a detachment to the funeral of another naval rating, Leading Stoker James Green, of H.M.S. Nelson, who also died in the military hospital. He was married and came from Norwich.

A party of German officers and men laid a wreath on the graves of officers and men of H.M.S. Britannia, which was torpedoed and sunk in the Straits of Gibraltar on November 10, 1918.

The annual meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will be held this evening at the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce at 5.15 p.m.

stones contain a valuable ingredient useful for making high explosives. Apricot stones are particularly valuable in this respect.

### Presentation

"Mr. Martin, who presided, said that the presentation was being made to Mr. Firmin for all his work in the parish for fifty-five years. Mr. Firmin, in replying, said that the present he had given him would always remind him of his associations with St. Leonard's. He mentioned that the choir had presented him with a smoking cabaret English paper."

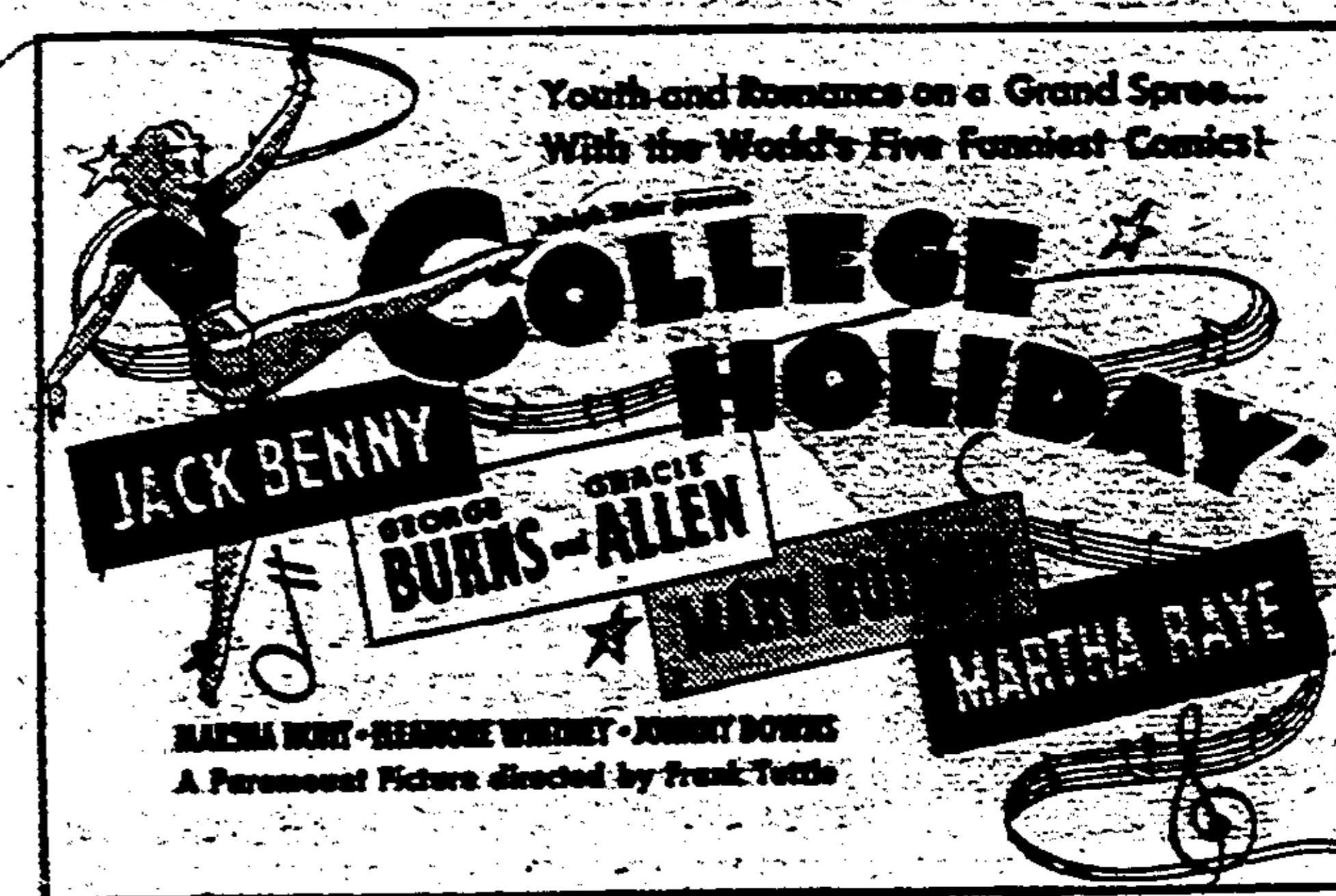
Not the kind of present one easily forgets, of course.

ULYSSES.

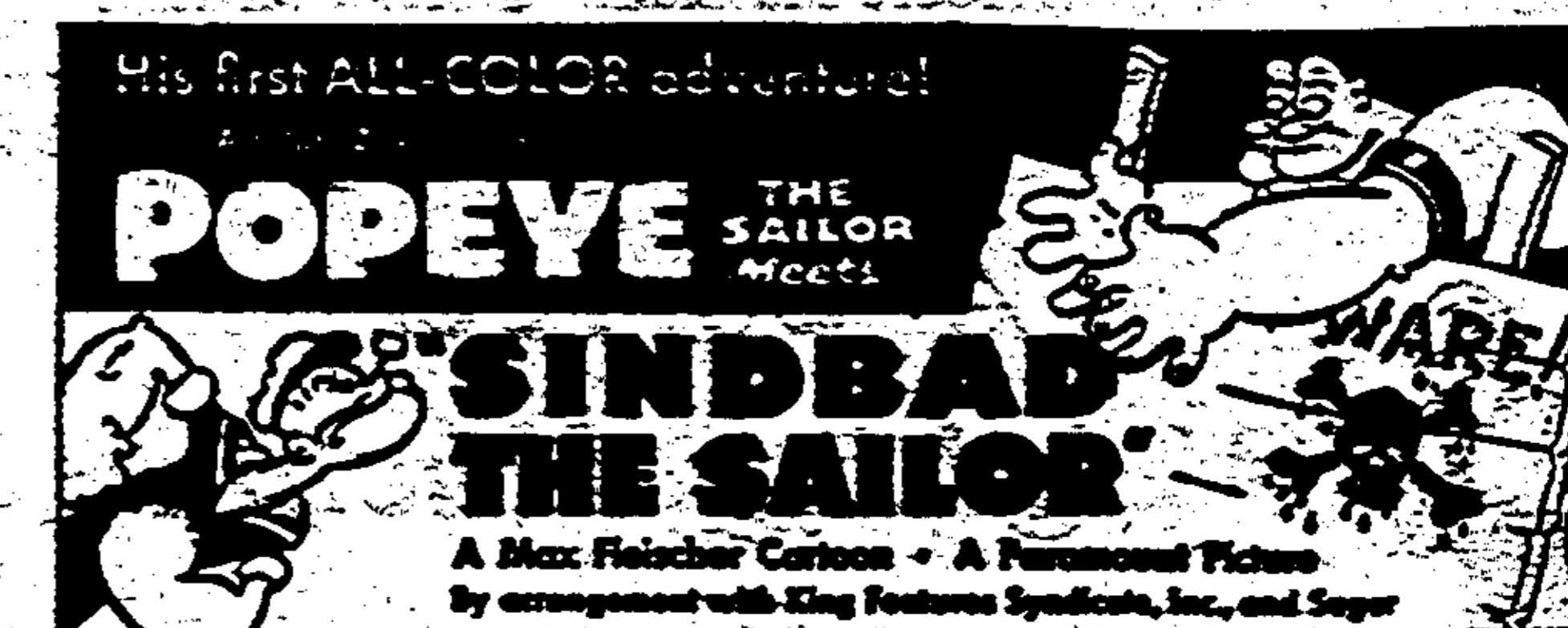
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## CIVIL AVIATION IN BRITAIN

SIR P. SASOON'S SURVEY

### EMPIRE AIR MAIL SCHEME

London, To-day. In reviewing developments in British external civil air communications, Sir Philip Sassoon said in the House of Commons last night that the present condition was that the Empire air mail scheme should be in working order at the beginning of 1938, whereafter all first class mail from the United Kingdom to Empire countries on Empire air routes, would be carried by air for a flat rate of 1½d. per half ounce, that being the current preferential Empire postage rate.

Meanwhile, it was hoped that a start would be made on the Durban route in the early summer of this year and on the Singapore route at the end of the year.

The complete scheme aims at providing flying-boat services on routes to South Africa, India and Australia, with certain additional land plane services to India all operated by the new Empire aircraft.

#### FEEDER SERVICES

Arrangements are being made for feeder services in connexion with all the routes.

Concerning the proposed North-Atlantic service, the formidable task of providing the necessary ground organisation and equipment was being actively pursued and the bases for both the land and marine aircraft were in hand by the Governments concerned.

As regards aircraft, three main lines of trans-Atlantic development were in hand. Four-engined high speed land machines were on the point of completion, with which it was hoped to operate experimental services before end of this year.

#### SPECIAL FLYINGBOATS

A fleet of specially designed flyingboats should be available in the course of 1938. The possibilities of catapulting long-range flyingboats was being actively investigated. Meanwhile long-range training flights had begun with two flying boats of the Empire type.

Among new British external services introduced in 1936 were the weekly mail service between Khartoum and Kara and Lagos and the temporary service between Penang and Hong Kong, pending the completion of arrangements for a permanent connection — British Wireless.

### WAR HORRORS FILMED

A private view was recently given in London of an uncut version of Pathé Newsreel scenes of the war in Spain. The newsreel, properly edited, was shown in many cinemas. In the form in which it arrived from Spain, the film will probably never be exhibited in public.

Presented badly, without titles or commentary, it revealed the horrors of warfare in a land where human beings butcher each other with

### POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

Police Reserve orders by the Hon Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, state:—

The Hon. Inspector General of Police will hold an inspection of the Hong Kong Police Reserve on Wednesday, March 31 at 17.30 hours.

No member may be absent from this Parade without leave from his Company Commander.

Dress—Caps with White Covers, as on ordinary parades. Officers in Charge of Units will wear black belts and swords.

Practice Parades in mufti will be held at Central Police Station on Wednesday, March 17 and 24 at 18.00 hours, and every member should attend.

Chinese Company Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, March 16 at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:

Constables R2 Chan Tak Chiu, R4 Tam Hin Fung, R5 Woo How Ching, R6 Chan Shik Chun, R9 Wong Yue Chun, R23 Kong Kar Yan, R25 Lee Chee Leung, R34 Napoleon Leung Pan, and R37 Leung Wing Cheung.

Emergency Unit Reserve Patrol Duties. All members of the Emergency Unit Reserve will report for duty at their Stations at 19.45 hours on Friday, March 19, 1937. Dress—Blue Uniform Cap with White Covers, and members who are in possession of revolvers will carry same.

C. Champkin.

D. S. P. (E)

### "TOMFOOLERY OF THE CORONATION"

Says Sir Stafford Cripps

Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., M.P., chairman of the Socialist League, addressing a United Front demonstration in Bristol, attacked the Government's rearmament programme. He said:

"All sorts of excuses are being given why we should uphold rearmament, including the old-fashioned 'For God, King and Country' patriotism, assisted by all the tomfoolery of jubilees and coronations."

"All these affairs and complexes are brought to bear upon the mind of the people to try to array the Labour forces behind the National Government."

Speaking of the United Front Campaign, Sir Stafford said: "The great Labour movement seems to be sinking into a position of ineffectiveness. We must do something quickly to revive the spirit of the movement and re-create the militant challenge which seems to be frowned upon by those in control."

"The cloak of safe respectability is a very fitting garment for the hangers-on of capitalism, but it is most unsuitable for a class-conscious workers' party."

#### unrelieved savagery.

The scenes obtained by a cameraman with Gen. Franco's forces also belong to the world of nightmare. Here are executed Government troops lying in twos and threes in the fields and in dozens against walls.

Evidence of atrocities on the other side is not lacking. One scene shows a prison cell containing bodies, into which petrol had been thrown, apparently by retreating Government troops.

**Studio Recital**  
By Dina  
Notargiacomo

12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.  
12.30 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.  
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.  
1.25 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—A Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin, Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.  
Dr. Li Fabel, of Changsha, on "The Economic Development of Human and its Importance to Hong Kong."  
2.10 p.m.—Close down.  
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-11.05 p.m.—European Programme.  
7 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.  
Spring Song (Mendelssohn).  
Coeur Brise (Gillet).  
At the Tchaikovsky Fountain—Fantasia (Urbach).  
"Manon"—Fantasia (Massenet, arr. Tavan).  
The Music Comes (O. Strauss).  
Song of Paradise (King).  
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.  
7.35 p.m.—From the Studio.  
A Recital for Two Pianos by H. L. Ozorio and Pompon Vila (With Vocal Refrain).  
1. Double Pianos—Shine.  
2. Vocal—When did you leave Heaven?  
3. Double Pianos—Tormented.  
4. Vocal—The way you look tonight.

**BRIDGE NOTES****Beware The Greeks!**

I am passionately fond of statistics, both vital and frivolous. Among the numberless things that I would like to know is this: How many times during a day is the plaintive wail, "I guessed wrong," uttered by contract players scattered over the face of the globe? And my burning curiosity would next be directed to the question: Of these "unfortunate guesses," how many really were necessary? It has been my own experience that the phrase is used about ten times too often.

To-day's hand is just another instance of a bad play that was glossed over by the declarer as "a bad guess."

East, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

S.—6 5  
H.—J 8 6 5 3 2  
D.—Q J 6 5  
C.—9

**WEST**

S.—9 8 4      S.—K 7  
H.—K 9      H.—A 10 7 4  
D.—K 10 4 3 2      D.—A 7  
C.—Q J 4      C.—8 6 5 3 2

**SOUTH**

S.—A Q J 10 3 2  
H.—Q  
D.—9 8  
C.—A K 10 7

The bidding:  
East    South    West    North  
1 club    Double Pass    1 heart  
Pass    2 spades    Pass    3 hearts  
Pass    4 spades (final bid)

East's original bid was skimpy. The two and one-half outside tricks hardly could compensate for his miserable club suit.

West opened the club queen. Declarer won, and promptly ruffed his low club in dummy. He then took the spade finesse through East, capturing the king, and ran off the entire spade suit except for one card. With six cards left in each hand, he led a small diamond toward the dummy. West played low, and East captured the jack four spades.

**To-day's Wireless**

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5. Double Pianos—Organ Grinder's Swing.  
6. Vocal—Miracles sometimes happen.  
7. Double Pianos—Selection.  
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordion Band.  
Diddle-Dum-Dee.  
Hawaiian Paradise,  
Dream Time.  
Back in those old Kentucky days.  
8.15 p.m.—From the Studio.  
A Light Saxophone Recital by L. Palao.  
Concerto in E Minor by Jascha Gurewich.  
1. Maestoso.  
2. Andante sostenuto.  
3. Presto.  
8.30 p.m.—German Music.  
Choral and Orchestral—  
"Tannhauser" (Wagner)—Procession of the Guests to Wartburg, State Opera Chorus and Orchestra.  
Baritone Solos—  
Die Ehre Gottes Aus Der Natur (Beethoven),  
Die Beiden Grenadiere (Heine & Schumann) .... Gerhard Husch.  
Contralto Solos—  
The Young Nun (Craigher & Schubert),  
The Trout (Schubert & Schubert),  
Hedge-Roses (Goethe & Schubert).

Songs—  
Moritat, Kanonensong (Kurt Weill and B. Brecht) .... Harald Paulsen.  
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.  
9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.  
Dina Notargiacomo ( Dramatic Soprano).  
"La Gioconda" (Ponchielli)—Suicidio.  
"La Tosca" (Puccini)—Vissi d'Arte.  
Serena (Mascagni).  
9.30 p.m.—New Gramophone Records.  
Concerto No. 1 for Harpsichord and Orchestra (Mozart); played by Mme. Marguerite Roesgen-Champion and Orchestre Symphonique (of Paris).  
Part 1—Allegro.  
Part 2—Andante.  
Part 3—Rondo.  
11.05 p.m.—Close down.

**Wickham Steed**  
• To Talk On  
"World Affairs"

The Lotus Flower (Schumann), A Dream (Grieg), Beniamino Gigli (Tenor). Overture "Portsmouth Point" (Walton) .... B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados) .... Eileen Joyce (Mezzo-Soprano).  
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben. "World Affairs." A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
10.20 p.m.—London—"Hall Marks" today you will hear the first performance given by Henry Hall and his band on entering their sixth year with the B.B.C. Henry Hall will talk to you and introduce the various artists you have often heard performing with his band.  
11.05 p.m.—Close down.

**What's On At the Cinemas**

AT THE KING'S—"China Clipper" with Pat O'Brien, Beverly Roberts, Ross Alexander, Humphreys Bogart and Henry B. Walthall. A glamorous romance of the air, marking a milestone in the pictorial history of daring American aviation.  
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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"The Man I Marry," with Doris Nolan, Michael Whalen, "Chic" Sale and Nigel Bruce. A rollicking romantic comedy in which Doris Nolan, Universal's newest find, gives an outstanding performance.  
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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Show Boat" with Helen Morgan, Charles Winship, Helen Westley and Paul Robeson. Music, romance and drama are the main items in this picture, while the smart dancing of Queenie Smith and Sammy White are also featured.  
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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Jungle Princess," with Dorothy Lamour. The story of a native girl in the heart of a Malayan jungle who falls in love with the first white man she had ever seen.  
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AT THE STAR—"Damaged Lives," a medical education film.  
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AT THE QUEEN'S—"College Holiday," with several of the screen's outstanding comedians supporting George Burns, Gracie Allen, Mary Boland and Martha Raye, who go through their paces in one continuous howl of laughter.  
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**COMING PICTURES**

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.  
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"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer Prize play. The story of a woman who lived for the strongest love ever conceived and makes you hate her as you never hated a screen player before. Coming to the King's Theatre.  
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"Bullet or Ballots"—with Edward G. Robinson, Joan Blondell, Barton MacLane, and others. Coming to the Queen's.  
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Lane and Humphrey Bogart. A thrilling drama of racketeers. Coming to the Oriental Theatre.  
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"Satan Met A Lady"—with Bette Davis, Warren William, Alison Skipworth, Arthur Treacher and Winifred Shaw. A new thriller from the author of "The Thin Man" which will keep you in laughter from start to finish, coming to the King's.  
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"Avenging Waters"—with Ken Maynard, Beth Marion and Ward Bond. A roaring romance of the west packed with spine-thrilling adventures. Coming to the Alhambra.  
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"One In A Million" Introduces lovely Sonja Henie, Queen of the Silver Skates, for the first time to movie fans. In addition to the world's champion figure-skater, the film includes Adolphe Menjou. Coming to the Queen's.  
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"White Hunter"—with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of savage passions. Coming to the Queen's.  
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"Reunion"—When Dr. Luke brings his 8,000th baby into the world, his youngsters decide on a reunion with the Quints as centerpiece. Some astonishing things happen as governors, film stars, crooks and would-be divorcees descend on the little Canadian hamlet. Cast includes Jean Hersholt, Rochelle Hudson, Helen Vinson, Slim Summerville, Robert Kent, Alan Dinehart, and the Quintuplets. Coming to the Queen's.  
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"Sinner Take All"—Deals of a newspaper reporter who solves a strange series of murders and a plot menacing an heiress, with Margaret Lindsay, Bruce Cabot and Joseph Calleia. Coming to the King's.  
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"Banjo on My Knee"—With Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Helen Westley, Buddy Ebsen, Walter Catlett, Katherine de Mille and Anthony Martin. A thrill musical, depicting the tragicomedy that is the life story of the river-boat people on the Mississippi. Coming to the Queen's.

In association with the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Peking.

# AIR FORCE ESTIMATES.

## Home Squadrons More Than Doubled In Two Years

### *Pushing Rapidly Ahead With New Machines*

London, To-day.

"We have not abandoned hope of securing an air pact and general stabilisation of air armaments," declared Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, introducing the Air Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday.

**"WE REGARD REALISATION OF AN AIR PACT AS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTNCE AND WE ARE EAGER TO SEIZE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE IT."**

**"UNTIL SUCH OPPORTUNITY OFFERS WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PROCEED WITH OUR PLANS."**

**"WE BELIEVE THAT THE BRITISH AIR FORCE IS STRONG, READY AND WELL-EQUIPPED, AND IS ONE OF THE BEST CONTRIBUTIONS OUR COUNTRY CAN MAKE TO WORLD PEACE."**

As regards the adequacy of £32,000,000 in total estimates of the Government's programme, said Sir Philip, they had many source of information, which could not be divulged, upon which the programme was based.

He assured the House that the supply of personnel was entirely satisfactory. During the coming year it was intended to train 1,175 pilots.

The Air Force were getting the right type of recruit.

#### STRIKING POWER GREATER

Except for larger aircraft, the Fleet air arm monoplane had almost entirely been replaced by a biplane, and the net result was that the striking power of the new types far surpassed that of corresponding types two years ago.

Active research and development were continually striving to obtain machines of an even greater speed, range and load capacity.

Two new guns had been introduced, one a new type Vickers and the other a Browning gun which would be manufactured in Britain.

Sir Philip Sassoon disclosed that large-scale production had more than halved the time of manufacture of the new machine.

Compared with 53 home squadrons in 1935, they would have 124 squadrons in a few months' time.

#### LABOUR RESOLUTION

A Labour motion for abolition of aerial warfare and international control of civil aviation was rejected by 175 votes to 119.

Sir Philip Sassoon, replying in the debate on the motion, emphasised that the Government would seize any opportunity to achieve abolition of aerial warfare, but stressed the difficulty of devising a practicable scheme for control of civil aviation.—Reuter.

#### LARGEST EVER

The air estimates were the largest ever presented to Parliament, and their total £32,500,000, including loan provision, compares with an average figure of £18,000,000 asked for by the Ministry in previous years. It shows increase of nearly

£32,000,000 in 1936. Sir Philip said that Air Force expansion was not merely a question of making good a deficiency. It meant practically the trebling of the Force as well as rearming it with modern equipment. Aircraft and aero engines could be produced with increasing speed as experience of production was gained and as new plants came into operation but a considerable period was absolutely necessary to train really skilled pilots and navigators. During the coming financial year they intended to train 1,175 pilots.

#### NEW RECRUITS

They planned in 1936 to recruit over 11,000 airmen, including 2,656 apprentices and boy entrants. Present figures indicated that these hopes would be fully realised. They hoped to recruit a slightly larger number during the coming year.

Referring to Dominion co-operation, he said there was in operation a scheme whereby pilots were trained as cadets in the Royal Australian Air Force and then serve a term of years with the Air Force in Britain. Afterwards they reverted to the Royal Australian Air Force reserve.

New Zealand was establishing a similar scheme and also a system whereby candidates who applied for the Royal Air Force were medically examined locally.

The Government would welcome the adoption of a similar system by Canada, from which Dominion no fewer than 100 young men had come on their own and had been accepted for short service commissions.

After dealing with the satisfactory progress made regarding aerodromes, works and buildings, Sir Philip Sassoon passed on to the problems of the production of adequate supplies of equipment.

Except for the larger aircraft of the fleet air arm, a monoplane which approached most nearly to the ideal streamlined form had almost entirely replaced the biplane. The difficulties of providing wings of adequate stiffness to

#### Terrible Pearl Fleet Disaster Feared

Darwin, To-day.

There has been no news of 270 Japanese and 180 Australian pearl luggers which have been missing since March 10, when a cyclone which was the worst for forty years, struck Darwin during the night.

It is feared the fleet has been totally destroyed.—Reuter.

#### NAZI BID FOR CONTROL OF DANZIG

Danzig, To-day. The Nazis have carried a big step towards their goal of complete control of Danzig.

Three opposition members of the Diet having resigned, their successors have announced their conversion to Nazism.

Adhesion of the three new members will bring Nazi membership in the Diet to 46 out of 72, only two short of the two-thirds majority required to alter the Constitution.—Reuter.

#### CANTON GOVERNOR STILL UNWELL

Leaves For Pakwan Mountains

General Huang Mu-sung, the Governor of Kwangtung, after attending the weekly conference of the Government yesterday morning, left for the Pakwan Mountains where he will stay for some time. He has instructed Mr. Sham Hsueh-pei, Secretary-General of the Kwangtung Government, to send all important documents to Pakwan.—Our Own Correspondent.

#### FESTIVITIES IN TRIPOLI

Rome, To-day. General Valle, Secretary to the Air Ministry, accompanied by Senator Paolo de Revel, Minister of Finance, and Onorevole Stefano Benni, Minister of Communications, arrived in Tripoli yesterday to greet Signor Mussolini when he arrived to open the Tripolitan Fair.

The German and French commercial delegations arrived by the same steamer.—Trans-Ocean.

#### Emil Jannings

Berlin, To-day. Emil Jannings, the famous actor, won further laurels yesterday when it was announced that "The Sovereign," his latest film, had been awarded the highest honour in the German cinema world.—Trans-Ocean.

#### Swedish Premier's Visit To London

London, To-day. The Swedish Premier, Mr. R. Sandier, is flying to England from Stockholm to-day. While in London he will discuss general topics of interest to both countries with the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

#### Soviet Commissar "Sacked"

Moscow, To-day. Monsieur G. N. Kaminsky, Commissar for Health, has been relieved of his post and will be succeeded by M. Piotr Sergiev.—Reuter.

## Japanese Activity In Drug Traffic

LONDON, To-day. THE BRITISH CONSULAR AND OTHER AUTHORITIES ARE PERIODICALLY FURNISHED WITH INFORMATION IN REGARD TO SMUGGLING OF DRUGS INTO CHINA BY JAPANESE NATIONALS.

This was announced by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Viscount Cranborne, in reply to a question from Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher, Labour Member for Nuneaton.

Lord Cranborne further said that the information was supplied to the British Government's representative on the League opium advisory committee for such action as may seem useful and desirable, and the question of publicity was determined by the League.

He understood that in practice the proceedings and reports of the committee were published.

### CONSTANT STUDY

Lt.-Com. Fletcher then declared there were many circumstantial reports that the Japanese authorities were actively encouraging this traffic between Chinese nationals.

Lord Cranborne, in reply, gave the assurance that the Government was keeping the whole subject under constant examination.—Reuter.

## Silverlarch Reaches Safety

Honolulu, To-day. The British steamer "Silverlarch," which caught on fire in mid-Pacific, arrived in Honolulu yesterday escorted by a coast guard cutter.

No smoke was visible but the fire-fighting apparatus is being held in readiness while preparations are being made to open the hatches over No. 3 hold, where the fire started.—Reuter.

## SILK FACTORIES TIED UP

Shanghai Strikes

Shanghai, To-day. The silk industry in Shanghai threatens to suffer from a complete tie-up as a result of the demand of the workers for increased wages and better working conditions.

Hitherto ten silk factories have been compelled to suspend operations owing to strikes by workers.—Reuter.

## NEW MAYOR OF CANTON

Canton, To-day. Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, the new Mayor of Canton left Shanghai for Canton by air this morning.

It is understood that Mr. Tseng will arrive in the city at 4 p.m. and will remain until the opening of the Peoples' Congress in November.—Our Own Correspondent.

## SHAMEEN BRIDGE COLLAPSE

### CRASHES INTO CREEK

THE EAST BRIDGE CONNECTING SHAMEEN WITH THE SHAKEE BUND COLLAPSED INTO THE CREEK WITH A SHATTERING CRASH YESTERDAY EVENING, ACCORDING TO A BRIEF MESSAGE TELEPHONED TO HONG KONG THIS MORNING.

Fortunately, as far as is known, no-one was on the bridge at the time of the collapse and there were no casualties.

Only two broken ends reveal where the bridge once stood, though the mishap was not altogether unexpected as the bridge has been in bad shape for a considerable time. Repair work has recently been in progress.

Later. The bridge was built of cement and was completed in 1919.

Cracks appeared in the centre some time ago and wooden piles were erected underneath to lend support, though the final collapse was looked upon as inevitable.

The Shameen Municipal Council is building a temporary wooden bridge.

## Smuggling In North China

LONDON, To-day. THERE HAS BEEN A SUCCESSIVE DIMINUTION IN THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF SMUGGLING IN NORTH CHINA.

So declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Cranborne, in replying to a question from Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative Member for Preston, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Moreing drew attention to a report that in three months over 1,500 lorries had passed the Customs barriers under Japanese protection.

Lord Cranborne replied that the Government was fully aware that there had been smuggling but repeated that there had been a sensible diminution.—Reuter.

## Berlin Foreign Publicity

Berlin, To-day. The office of director of foreign publicity in the Nazi Party has been abolished.

Functions of the post will be placed in the hands of the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Propaganda.—Trans-Ocean.

News has been received in the Colony by cable of the death, which occurred at his home, Wood End Road, Erdington, Warwickshire, of Mr. W. J. Hill, father of Mr. Stanley Hill, of the P.W.D. and well-known "Sunday Herald" cartoonist with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

## Japanese Economic Offer to China

### KODAMA MISSION IN NANKING

Nanking, To-day.

The Japanese economic mission arrived at Nanking yesterday morning.

After laying a wreath at the Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the mission, headed by Mr. K. Kodama, called on Mr. Lin Sen, President of the Nationalist Government, at 10.00 a.m.

It is stated that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will grant them an interview, and an unconfirmed report states that Mr. Kodama will ask the Generalissimo to decrease the duties on Japanese artificial silk and sugar, will undertake that the silver dollars at present deposited in Japanese Banks in Shanghai will be returned to China under certain conditions, seek co-operation in river and air services, and in the construction of railways and the exploitation of mines in areas north of the Huang Ho.—Our Own Correspondent.

## Rumanian Visit To Ankara

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Victor Antonescu, left here yesterday for Ankara, where he will discuss with the Turkish Government questions affecting the Balkan States.

A Rumanian delegation also left yesterday for Athens to attend the economic conference of the Balkan States.—Trans-Ocean.

The body of Lo So, of No. 4, Wah Hing Lane, was found hanging on a street railing yesterday. He had apparently committed suicide.

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Anyway, here are a few of the less crazy — and therefore smarter — notions in new belts which you can easily and quickly make up for yourself for a mere nothing.

#### "NO TRUMPS" BELT

For this you'll require: Quarter of a yard of felt and two squares of different coloured felts suggested colours, bright blue for the belt, red and black for the squares, which make the decorations.

Cut a large diamond  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. square out of your red square.

Now mark out the strip for your belt on the blue felt, making it  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide and the length of your waist measurement plus 3 in.

Pin the red diamond to one end so that it overlaps 3 in., and cut out the strip cutting round the diamond at one end.

From the remainder of the blue felt cut another strip the same way, place these two blue strips one on top of the other and stitch them together close to the edges.

Sew the red diamond over the diamond-shaped plastron of the belt, and on top of that a smaller "spade" in black felt. Cut out small diamonds, hearts, clubs and spades from the rest of the red and black felt and stitch them all over the belt. Sew hooks (under the plastron) and eyes (on top of the other end) for fastening.

#### "PEARLY QUEEN" BELT

Buy a quarter of a yard felt, six dozen pearl buttons. Make the felt belt as before, but this time cut the length to the exact measurement of your waist and leave a piece about 5 in. long the full width of the felt (this is to make the plastron in front) at one end



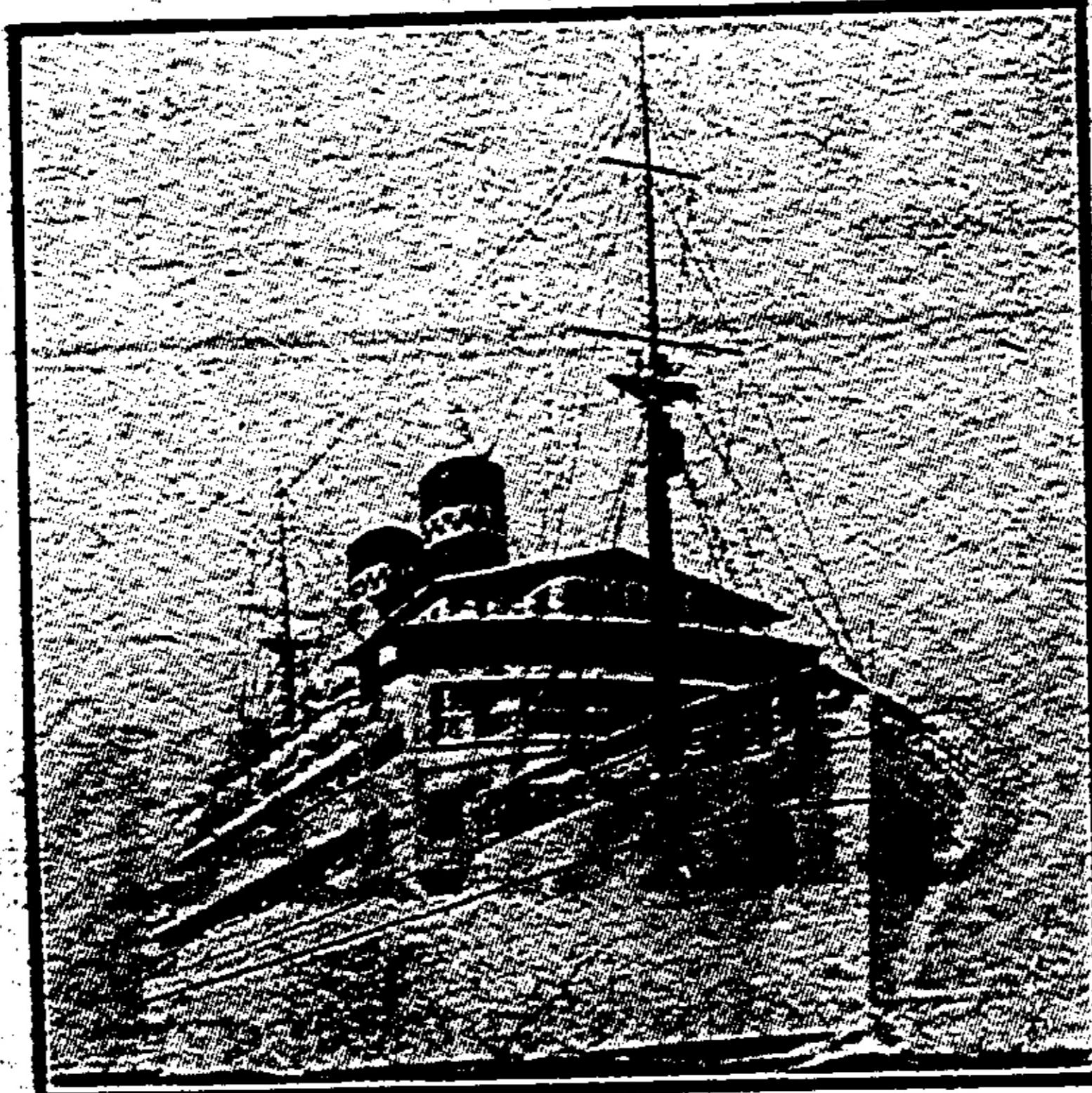
#### Trim Travel Togs

Tones of brown and green are emphasized in this smart travel suit worn by Patricia Ellis, film player. The tube skirt is of smooth-surfaced brown wool, topped with a flaring, knee-length coat. The huge collar and pockets are of Beaver.

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of the belt. Stitch on the pearl buttons, either all over the belt as close as possible, or if you can't afford all that, just along the edges. For the plastron, arrange the buttons in a design such as you see in the photograph. This belt also looks very fine sewn all over with regimental buttons, or with tiny silver lucky charms.

#### FOUR-CORD BELT

This requires one yard each of four different colours of silk cord and two 9 in. squares of embroidery felt.

Suggested colours: Royal, cyclamen, purple and black with black felt. Cut each cord to fit your waist plus an extra 2 in. (for the fringe).

From the felt cut out four oblongs, each measuring 6 in. by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. Join the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. sides. Slip these circles of felt over the cords and stitch the felt together between each cord, making a little tube for each. Slide one piece of felt along to one end and machine along the short side, catching in the ends of the cords. Slide another piece to the other end, stitch it down 2 in. from the ends of the

cords and fray the ends into a fringe. Arrange the last two pieces at equal distances.

Sew hooks and eyes on the end felt pieces for fastening.

#### LACED BELT

Get for this: Quarter of a yard felt, two yards each of two different coloured blind cords.

Cut the felt lengthways into four equal strips. Place two strips one on top of the other and machine them together round the edges; do the same with the other two strips.

Pierce little holes at 1 in. intervals down one long side of each strip. Thread the cords criss-cross into the holes, joining together the two strips into a belt. To fasten, tie the cord ends into a bow in front and sew hooks and eyes at the top and bottom corners of the belt.

You can either make this belt with the felt in one colour and the cords in two (such as black felt with emerald and scarlet cords), or you can make the belt in two strips of different colours and lace them together with cord of one colour (such as royal and black felt laced with scarlet).



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# BRITONS TO SURRENDER PERPETUAL LEASES IN JAPAN

Anglo-Japanese Negotiations Achieve Agreement

## Keelung Incident Discussions

London, To-day.

An agreement has now been reached on the question of cancellation of perpetual leases held by British subjects in the Japanese Treaty ports.

THIS ANSWER WAS OBTAINED FROM THE UNDER-Secretary FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VISCOUNT CRANBORNE, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY FOLLOWING A QUESTION BY SIR CHARLES CAYZER, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER FOR CHESTER.

Sir Charles Cayzer asked whether as a result of the counter-proposals submitted to the Japanese Government by the British Ambassador in Tokyo a settlement satisfactory to the British leaseholders' committee had now been reached concerning cancellation of perpetual leases in treaty ports held by British subjects.

In replying in the affirmative, Lord Cranborne said that the agreement had been reached on the basis of proposals presented by the British Ambassador.

He was expecting shortly to hear that Notes had been exchanged between the Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Minister giving effect to the agreement.

### KEELUNG INCIDENT

Replying to a further question by Sir Charles Cayzer, the Under-Secretary said that no settlement had yet been reached as regards the Keelung incident, but the matter was being actively discussed between the Ambassador in Tokyo and the Japanese Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

### STRUCK MOTHER WITH STOOL

Too lazy to work and unable to obtain money from his widowed mother, Tsui Kau, aged 27, assaulted her in the hope that she would then give him some. Instead she reported the matter to the Police and this morning he appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy and was fined \$300 or three months' hard labour.

Complainant said her son demanded \$20 and when refused he struck her with a stool and injured her head. He also threatened to throw acid over her.

Defendant smoked opium and refused to work. She had offered him a job in her store but he would not take it.

### FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. Sydney Ellis Edgar, broker, of No. 455, The Peak, and Miss Dolores Paterson, of No. 92, Nathan Road, has been announced.

Miss Kathleen Vera Wardill, of "Highfields," Bridlington, England, has also announced her forthcoming marriage to Mr. John Geoffrey James, of Bacolod, Oce., Negros, of his client or that she had at any time to swerve the car.

### OFFICER CHARGED

#### Sequel To Fatal Accident

Three charges were preferred against Lieut. Baker-Carr, R.A., at the Central Magistracy this morning, arising out of a fatal accident which occurred in King's Road yesterday morning.

He was charged with driving car No. 1889 without due care and caution in King's Road, near Lau Liu Street, and with having inefficient brakes. He was also charged with not having an appropriate driver's licence.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the first two charges but admitted the last.

The case was fixed for hearing for Thursday March 25 at 11.30 a.m., bail in the sum of \$500 being allowed.

Traffic-Inspector Saunders, outlining the police case, said that defendant knocked down a Chinese near Lau Liu Street. The man died about four hours later. The road was well lit. When the brakes were tested they were found to be bad. The man was knocked down about 12 feet from the left side of the road.

### MISS BERYL FAIR SUMMONED

#### Denial Of Police Allegations

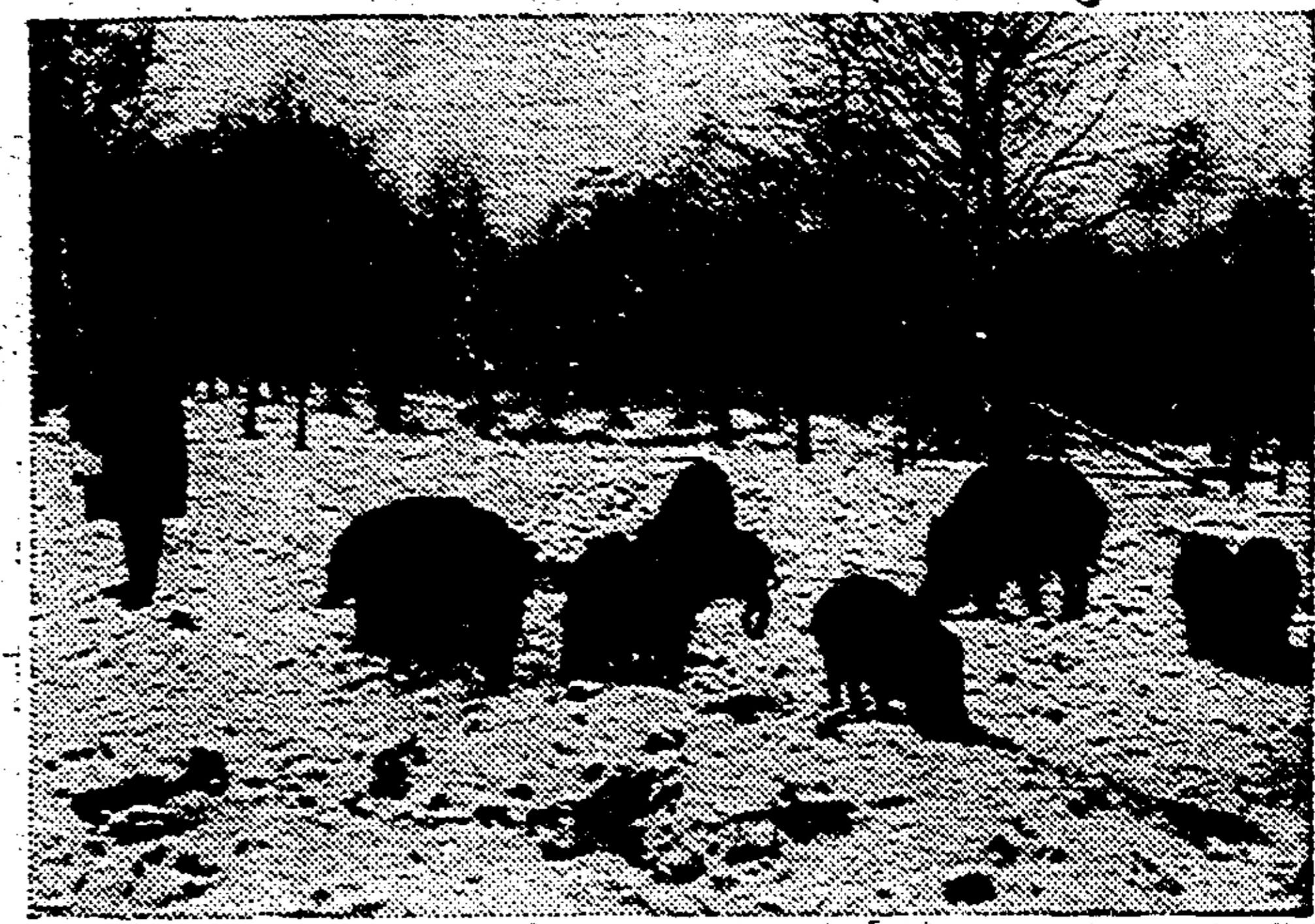
Appearing on behalf of Miss D. Beryl Fair, Mr. W. A. MacKinlay pleaded not guilty to a summons for driving in a dangerous manner in Hennessy Road on March 1.

The case was adjourned till Thursday, March 25.

Traffic-Sergeant Wass said he followed defendant's car, which was travelling at 20 miles an hour in Queen's Road East to Arsenal Street, whence he turned into Hennessy Road and proceeded to O'Brien Road at a speed of 34 miles an hour.

Near O'Brien Road, several people had to jump out of the way and defendant had to swerve to miss a pedestrian.

Mr. MacKinlay denied that any persons had to jump out of the way, of his client or that she had at any time to swerve the car.



The heavy snows in Britain have been duplicated in many parts of Europe. This picture shows otherwise timid game driven by hunger towards human habitations. They are bears in the Wuhlheide near Berlin which arrive at regular feeding hours.

### NAVAL DOCKYARD ATTACK

#### Chinese Charged With Manslaughter

Charged with the manslaughter of a fellow worker named Ah Hung, a 21-year-old paint scraper, Wong Chuen, appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor this morning.

The following jurors were empanelled: Messrs. J. McCormack (Foreman), F. M. Britto, R. Pang, Chan Yew-ho, E. R. Hearther, George Y. K. Sun and W. M. Gittins.

Mr. E. H. Williams stated that both accused and deceased were paint scrapers in the naval dockyard. Deceased, accused and another man, Ah Kee, had a quarrel in the dockyard. Ah Kee struck the deceased, after which he shouted out to the deceased that it was Ah Chuen, the accused, who had struck him. The quarrel was resumed when the men finished work at 5 p.m. An hour later when the deceased returned to his home, blows were exchanged with the accused, who was forced to run away. Apparently accused resented this beating and returned later with a party of men.

The men grappled with him and assaulted him.

Deceased later returned to the kitchen, drank some water and collapsed on the ground. He began vomiting. He was carried out of the house where he lay until the arrival of Sub-Inspector Darkin, who found he was dead.

Dr. R. S. Begbie stated that rupture of an enlarged spleen and internal haemorrhage was the cause of the deceased's death.

Dr. Begbie was asked to establish the minimum interval between the fight and the deceased's death. He stated this could not be established, as it might be from one to 24 hours, or even five minutes.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

Mr. E. Wong Tape and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Turner were among the passengers who sailed in the President McKinley yesterday.

### ABUSIVE LETTERS

#### From Pacifists To Bishop

The Bishop of London, Dr. Winton Ingram, preaching at the Chapel Royal, St. Jame's, said he received 50 abusive letters in the week following his speech on pacifism at the Church Assembly on February 5.

In his address at the Assembly Dr. Ingram said: "The real danger to the peace of the world is the pacifists. There is no great danger of war if we are strong policemen with a truncheon to keep order."

Dr. Ingram said: "Those people who wrote to me said how annoyed they were in no uncertain fashion, but it is obvious they do not understand."

"We are all pacifists. Christians must be pacifists. But there is a difference between the policies of pacifism and non-defence."

"Democracy must not be at the heels of dictators, and despite those letters I still advocate that we must be strong. I maintain that the world must change its mind if it is to prevent a world-wide war."

"It is displeasing to God to see all this bickering between nations: Japanese hating Chinese, Germans suspicious of French, Arabs at the throats of Jews. Not only has the world to change its mind, but the Church. Christianity is fighting for its life, and it is not at all certain of winning."

"We must put God first in our education. It is the only way to keep Christianity alive."

### CALIBRATION AND STATION PRACTICE

The calibration with full charge ammunition and station practice of B1, B2 and F1 guns, Stonecutters West Battery, postponed from previous dates, will take place on Tuesday, 23rd March, (spare days 30th and 31st March), between 1000 hours and 1800 hours.

A man who fell in front of a Piccadilly Tube train at Holborn Station during the evening rush hour landed in the safety pit underneath the line. After the train had passed over him he was assisted to the platform by officials, unharmed. Traffic on the line was delayed for 10 minutes.



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### 'CURES' FOR SLUMPS

Three articles on "How to Avoid a Slump," written by J. M. Keynes and published in "The Times," have provoked some comment. While the articles deal particularly with the situation in Great Britain, the general principles laid down are, of course, intended for universal application.

Mr. Keynes argues that it is time we began to think of preventing the kind of boom that would lead to another smash. With this end in mind, he would finance Britain's new armament programme largely out of taxation; he would favour a temporary rebate on tariffs "wherever this could be done without throwing British resources out of employment"; he would welcome imports at present, even though they result in an adverse balance of trade. Finally, he would set up a Government board, not to build public works now, but to have a considered programme of sound, useful projects ready as soon as they became necessary again.

All but the last of these proposals would doubtless be widely endorsed by "orthodox" economists; and if the last were opposed, it would be less because of the basic principle involved than because of doubts regarding its practical workings. Mr. Keynes contends that "the boom, not the slump, is the right time for austerity at the Treasury." Perhaps; but it is during the slumps that the Treasury has little money and during the booms that it has much. To carry out this programme as Mr. Keynes contemplates, statesmen would have to run counter to the spirit of the Treasury, counter to the dominant psychology of the country, counter almost to the frailties of poor human nature itself.

There is still another recommendation, however, concerning which Mr. Keynes is likely to win much less support from his economic colleagues. This is that "dear" money must be avoided "as we would hell-fire." His argument on this point is involved, not altogether clear, and far from convincing. What constitutes "dear" money is itself a matter of opinion. What Mr. Keynes is really urging is that money be kept artificially cheap by governmental policy. This can only be done by artificially increasing the volume of available bank credit. This, in turn, is merely another way of artificially increasing the volume of

outstanding debt — for debt is merely credit looked at from the other side. New capital goods would be financed not merely out of real savings but out of bank credit. An excessive volume of cheap credit would certainly lead to overexpansion of productive facilities in wrong directions. Many authorities believe that it was precisely the cheap-money policies of 1922 to 1929, both in England and the United States, that made possible the boom and the consequent slump.

Mr. Keynes, in short, believes that the Government can control interest rates more wisely than the ordinary forces of supply and demand can. Governments have frequently believed that, regarding not only the price of money but of hundreds of other commodities. The results of their type of interference, however, have not been such as to encourage the belief in the minds of impartial observers.

### Another Beauty

That fatal affinity which has been so often demonstrated between an interest in foreign affairs and a fondness for using long words of Latin or Greek origin seems to have been elegantly displayed once more in the assurance that when Herr von Ribbentrop went to the Foreign Office to talk about the colonial question his treatment of that subject is said to have been "peripheral." That is an obviously boss word which ought to be immediately admitted into the sacred company of terms like "unilateral," "para-military" (a gorgeous hybrid), or "global."

A "periphery" itself is strictly the line bounding a rounded surface, but in a figurative sense (and where would foreign affairs be if the figurative and the fanciful were removed from the language of the experts?) it means, according to the dictionary, "the outward bounds of a thing as distinguished from its internal region or centre." Herr von Ribbentrop, therefore, in his peripheral approach to the colonial question may be said to have dallied daintily on the outskirts of the subject instead of getting down to what the vulgar call brass tacks. Or, like the gentleman in the "Bab Ballads,"

He argued high, he argued low,

He also argued round about him.

A really first-class peripheral performer can ran his own rings right round a subject without getting anywhere near what the dictionary calls "its internal region or centre."

### Hats Off To

### "Peripheral"!

It would, however, be a great shame if the Foreign Office were allowed to monopolise such a fine and fairylike term as peripheral. Somebody ought to tell Lord Rothermere about it. It could then be worked into his latest campaign for bigger and better armament estimates. "In budgeting for a mere \$1,500,000,000 for rearmament we are, therefore, toying on the periphery of the subject. We must be more firm and less peripheral; ten thousand millions is the least we can look at."

To personal and political enmity is added fear of an exile whose influence is "dangerous"

# Why Stalin Wages Merciless War On Trotsky

**T**HE question "Why does the Stalin administration attack Leon Trotsky?" has surely been answered by Moscow's recent treason trial with a wealth of detailed circumstantial evidence. Briefly it is this: "Joseph Stalin and his aides attack Trotsky because they are convinced that he is an enemy of the U.S.S.R., that he deliberately allied himself with the Fascist enemies of the U.S.S.R., that he built up a powerful organization inside and outside Russia to defeat the Stalin administration by any means and by any sacrifice of Russian lives, however great."

Nevertheless, in justice to Trotsky, one must give him credit for sincerity. He is a man of overweening ambition and great intellectual arrogance. Lenin, and Lenin only, could tame this proud spirit by sheer power of facts, by inflexible logic and that transcendent human quality which made Lenin the greatest figure in recent history.

Unlike David, Lenin never said of Stalin and Trotsky—that strong and stormy team of horses—these "sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me." While he lived he held them both in harness to work for the Soviet State, and despite squabbles and contradictions Lenin drew from Trotsky much that was of great value.

But Lenin was Lenin, and when Lenin died the contradictions flared out into open struggle. Like Lenin, Stalin kept in touch with the masses and knew that mass support was essential. Trotsky went his own way and preferred intrigue and disobedience of orders. Then he caused on Trotsky's behalf a schism.

So Trotsky fell and went out from the U.S.S.R. discredited. They might have shot him here—perhaps now they wish they had. Despite Trotsky's opposition and activities in this country, Stalin knew that Trotsky had done good service and so spared his life. Now it seems that Stalin underestimated Trotsky's energy and power; perhaps underestimated also the ideological strength of Trotsky's movement in this country.

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**A**LTHOUGH Trotsky's hostility to Stalin has a deep ideological foundation and dates far earlier than the Bolshevik revolution—it goes back to the period when Trotsky was an independent semi-Menshevik continually attacking the ideas of Lenin, of whom Stalin was always a most devoted supporter—there is also a personal divergence between Stalin and Trotsky. It is based not only on the former's devotion to Lenin but also on differences of character and other reasons. Stalin's chief characteristics are will power, perseverance and the ability to "think things out to the end." Whereas Trotsky had a more brilliant intellect and was sometimes able to jump where Stalin thought, he nevertheless lacked what on the Volga now named Stalin—the English mean by the word *prud*—from the Whites. He had "character"—sureness of purpose used vigorous methods which in consistency of action. Then followed the dismissal or shooting of too. It must not be forgotten that certain lukewarm officers appointed Trotsky was one of a group of by Trotsky. Trotsky sent a tele-

"Western" exiles who lived in gram of protest. Klementy Voroshiloff, the present Commissar of Defence, stated some years ago that this telegram still exists in the Red Army archives with a brief note in Stalin's hand-writing scrawled across it: "Pay no attention."

It was inevitable that two men of such different calibre should become antagonists. Trotsky's mainspring was personal ambition, whereas Stalin was "Lenin's disciple and a prolonger of Lenin's work," as he told me himself on Christmas Day of 1933. In other words, Stalin from the outset was true to the Bolshevik ideology, whereas Trotsky from the outset to his present lamentable position was a Trotskyist first, last and always.

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**F**ROM 1929 on, during the first years of exile at Prinkipo Island near Constantinople, but undoubtedly was preparing his future action. Once arrived in Norway he set himself to spur the development of plans already made. Trotskyist centres—units of the so-called "Fourth International"—had been established at various points, notably in Paris, where Trotsky's chief henchman was Jacques Doriot, now definitely a Social-Fascist; at Barcelona, where the Trotskyists last summer out-numbered the orthodox Bolsheviks, and at New York where Jay Lovestone and John Pepper had been condemned to death for

Next morning Trotsky had his troops paraded and announced that Comrade "X"—naming the sentry—had been condemned to death for Jay Lovestone and John Pepper

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Helsingfors, To-day.

The drastic influence which the British rearmament programme is exerting on the export trade of industrial machines, iron and steel manufactured goods, is being seriously felt in many countries.

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The Finnish newspapers point out that following the principle of purchasing from countries that purchased from her, Finland has maintained very satisfactory trade relations with England. Dr. Ramsay, declared in London yesterday that Finland would be glad to continue buying from England but must have some guarantee that orders will be fulfilled and delivery made within a reasonable length of time.—Trans-Ocean.

However, during recent months indefinite delays in delivery and, at times, complete inability on the part of British industrialists to fulfil orders, are having a disastrous effect on commerce.

It is declared that the situation has become so reversed in England that she is being forced to import articles which she formerly manufactured herself and exported.

The papers are of the opinion that the artificial situation brought about by the armaments rush will be detrimental in the long run to world production and trade.

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# EXPORT TRADE



Howard Dietz, song writer and motion picture executive, is shown on his arrival at Newark Airport with his bride, the former Tanis Guinness Montague, after their marriage in Juarez, Mexico. Two months ago Mrs. Dietz jilted the blue blooded Earl of Carnarvon after all arrangements had been made for their wedding in Baltimore.

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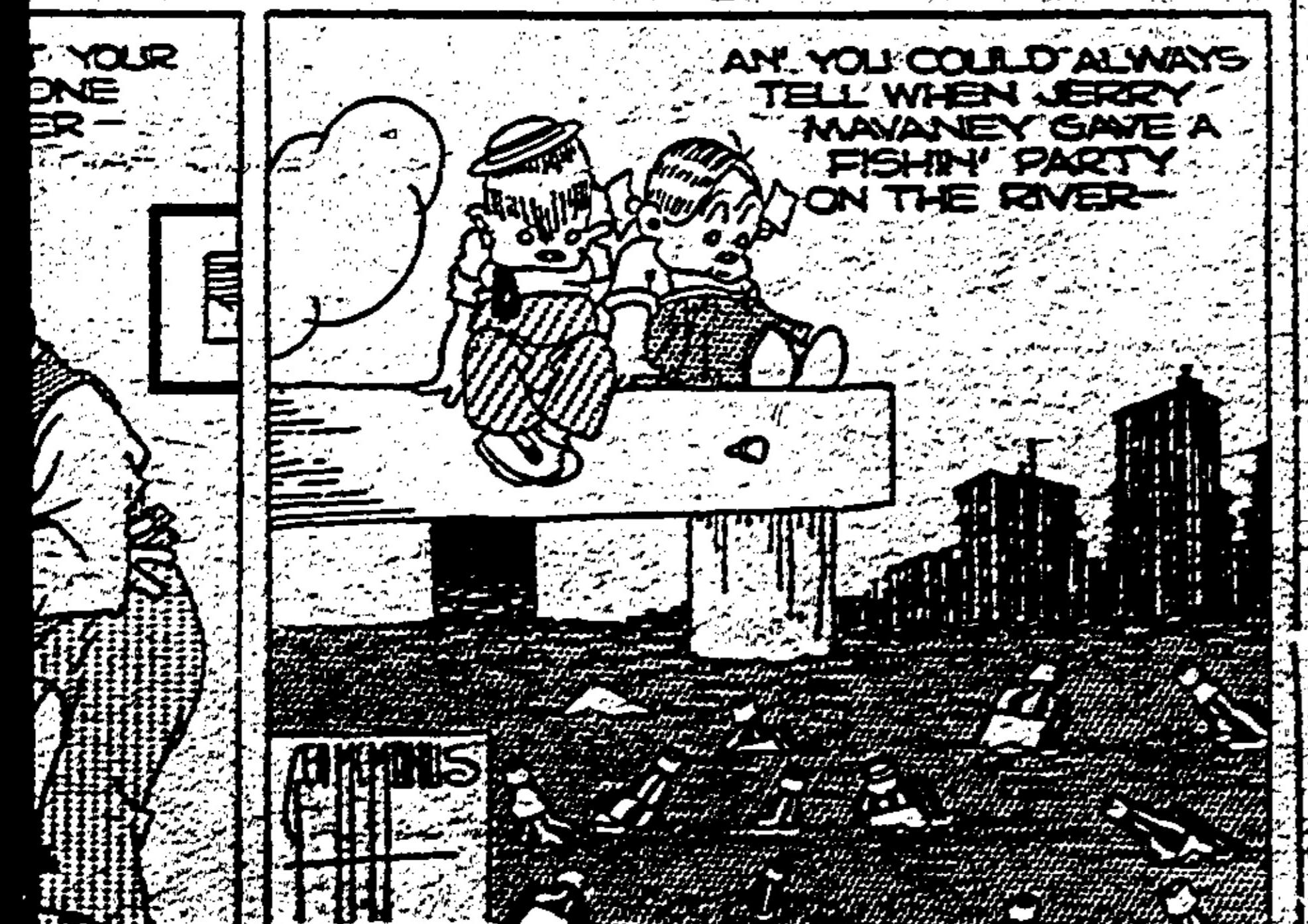
Queen-to-Be?



A recent photo of Princess Feodora Louise, 26, niece of King Christian, of Denmark. It has been reported that her engagement to King Leopold of the Belgians will soon be announced.

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By George McManus



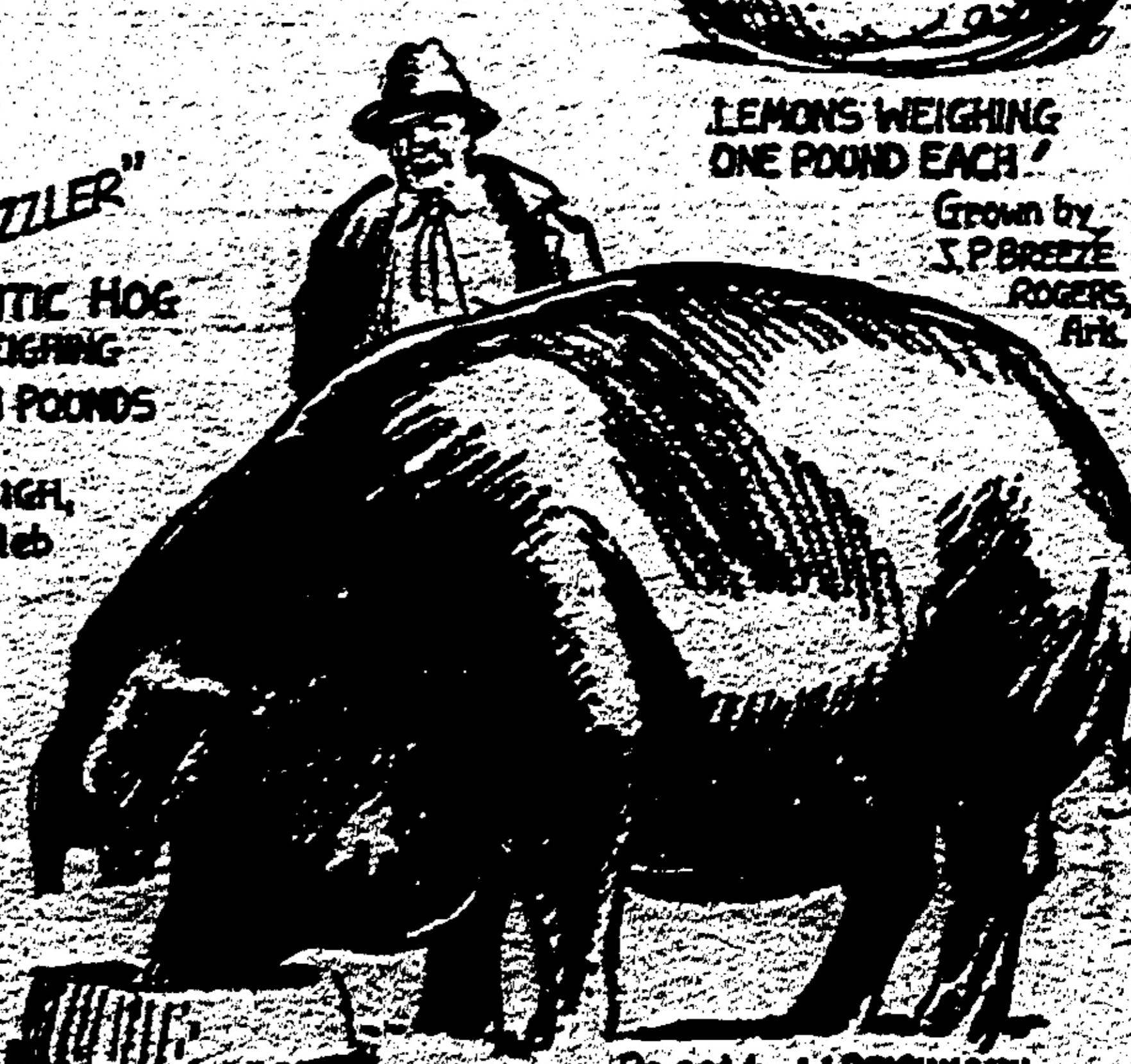
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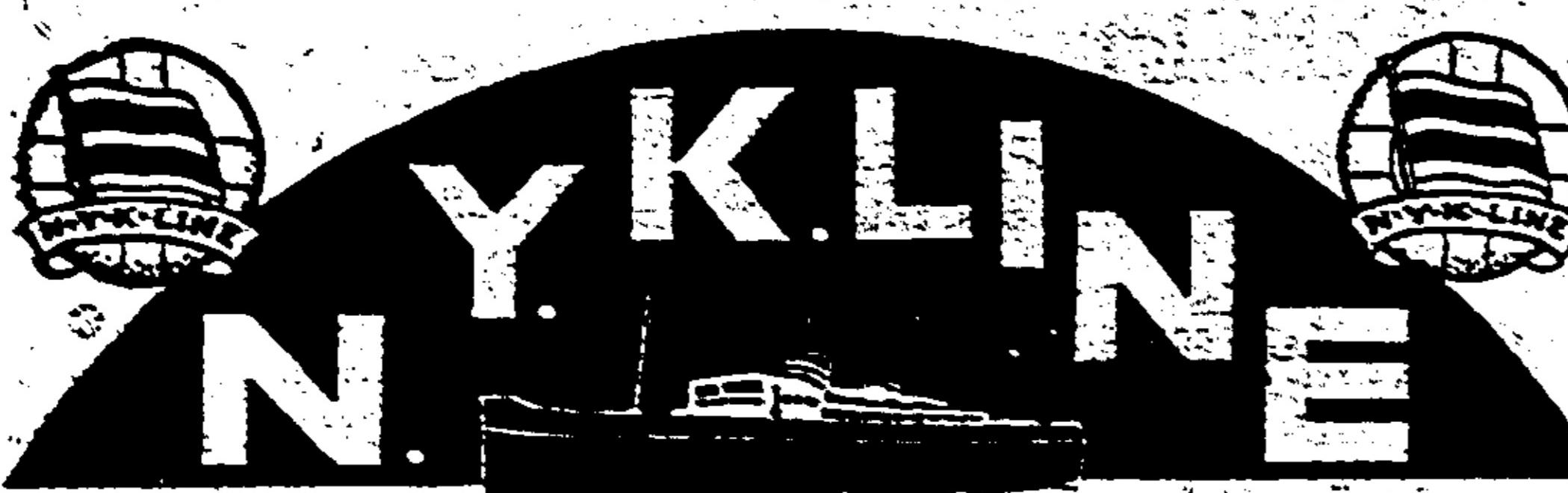
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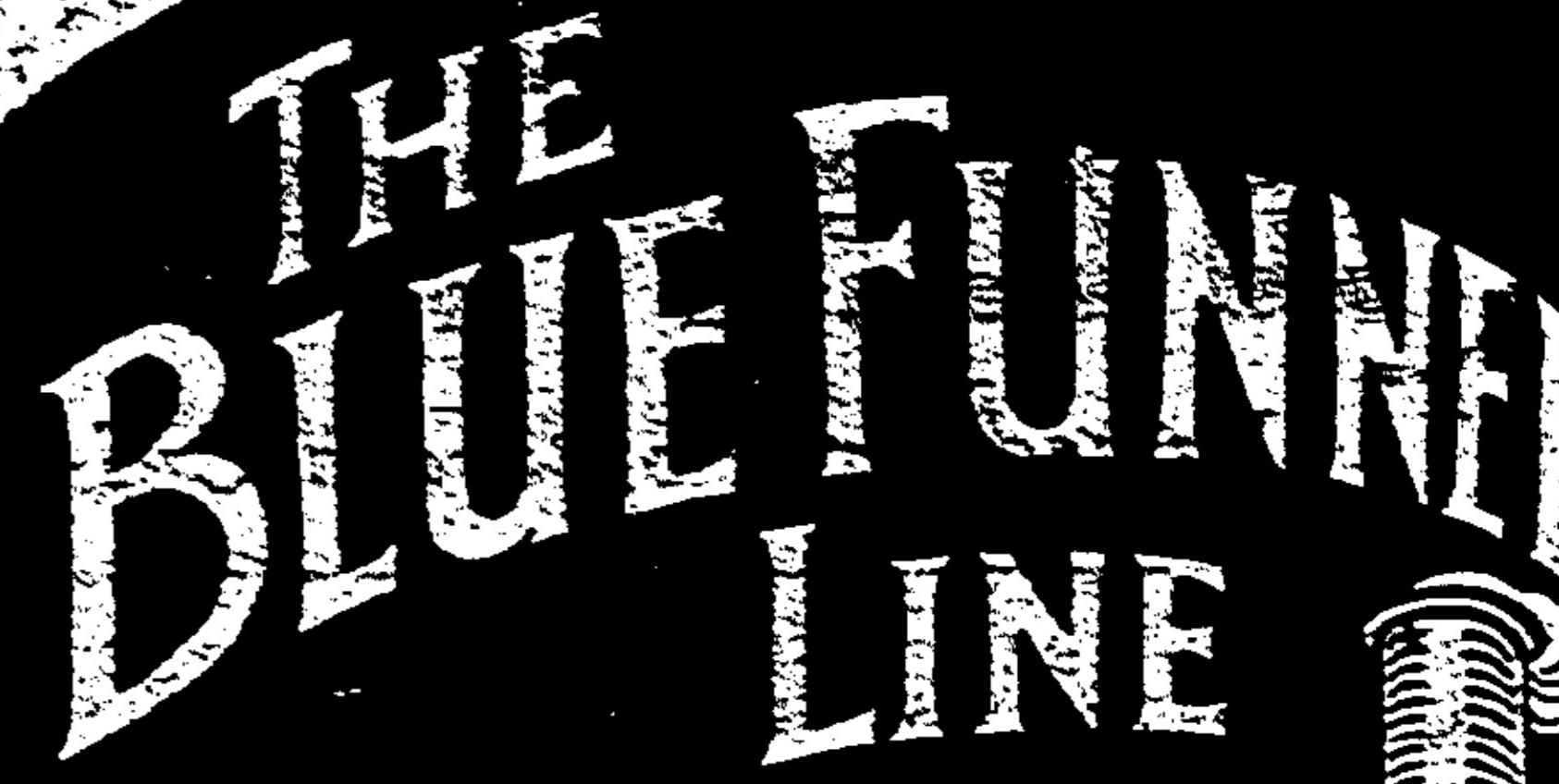
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**LOCAL DOLLAR  
Silver Prices Rise**

The local dollar is steady, opening  
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1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at  
20 3/4 and "forward" at 20 3/4.  
The London on New York cross-  
rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.8855.

**CHINESE  
MORTGAGE DEBTS**

Ambassador Sending Report

London, To-day.  
Replying to a question in the  
House of Commons yesterday from  
Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative  
Member for Preston, regarding  
Chinese Mortgage debts, (in  
Shanghai) the Under-Secretary for  
Foreign Affairs, Viscount Cran-  
borne, said he was expecting a re-  
port from the British Ambassador.—  
Reuter.

**Singapore Raw Rubber**

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., re-  
ceived the following quotations  
from Singapore in Straits Cur-  
rency for Raw Rubber:

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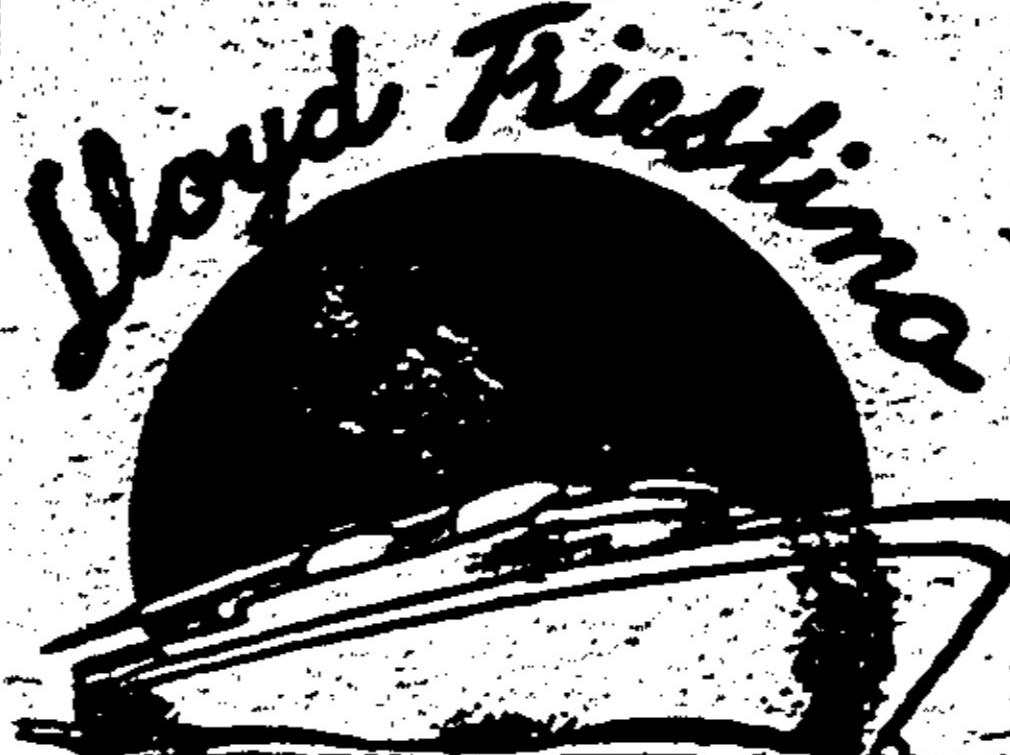
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At the end of February statistics showed that 804,000 bales had been exported, representing an increase of 13 per cent over the similar period last year, when the figure was 727,000 bales.—Trans-Ocean.

## INCREASING PRICE OF TIN

### International Group To Meet Early

London, To-day.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the increasing price of tin, Captain Euan Wallace, Secretary for Overseas Trade, says in a written answer that the International Tin Committee have the position under constant review, and he understood that they are holding a further meeting on Thursday, March 18.—Reuter.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Britain" leaves Bahi to-day at 6 p.m. is due at Manila on Saturday at 6 a.m. and at Hong Kong on Monday at 3 a.m. instead of Sunday at 3 p.m.

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# BADMINTON SEMI-FINALS TO-DAY

## THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

### HUI AND MISS U. KHOO FAVOURED

#### H.K.'S BEST ON VIEW

(By "ADREM")

SOME very entertaining badminton should be witnessed at King's College this evening, when the Semi-Finals of the Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony will be decided.

THE BIG GAME OF THE EVENING WILL BE THE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN P. K. HUI AND MISS U. KHOO, AND L. A. CARVALHO AND MISS C. SILVA. WHEN THE FORMER PAIR, WHO PLAY FOR THE UNIVERSITY, PLAYED AGAINST RECREIO "A," THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONS A SHORT WHILE AGO, THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR WINNING THE ONLY THREE GAMES THAT THE UNDERGRADUATES OBTAINED. AS A RESULT, THEY ARE BOUND TO START FIRM FAVOURITES THIS EVENING.

An analysis of these pairs is rather difficult. Carvalho, in the Men's League, has been about the most consistent Recreio player, but I understand that he is not as keen on the mixed game. He is very fast in covering the court, serves well and smashes with great power, but he has not the subtleties of Hui, who is an amazingly difficult man to beat in any type of game.

### RECREIO "B" BADMINTON WIN OVER VARSITY

Barros And Xavier  
In Limelight

### V.R.C. IN WINNING VEIN

Recreio "B" defeated University "B" by 6 games to 3, a larger margin than anticipated, in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League last evening.

H. A. Barros and A. E. Xavier combined excellently to win their three games from the Undergraduates.

In the "B" Division, St. Andrew's "B" proved too weak for the Vic-

### L. A. CARVALHO DOWN WITH MALARIA

Varsity Concede Walk-Over  
In Mixed-Doubles League

L. A. Carvalho, who is scheduled to play to-night in the Mixed Doubles Championship, Semi-Final Round, is down with malaria and may have to scratch unless the game is postponed.

University have conceded a walk-over to Recreio "B" in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, as they cannot field a team for next Friday evening's match.

toria Recreation Club, who beat them by 6 games to 3 on the mainland.

RECREIO "B" BEAT VARSITY  
At King's Park last night, Recreio "B" beat the University by 6 games to 3:

H. A. Barros and A. E. Xavier

(Recreio "B")  
beat D. Kwok and S. C. Tai ... 21-8  
beat S. K. Hui and C. K. Lee ... 21-19  
beat T. F. Yong and E. C. Goh ... 21-8  
N. A. Beltran and E. A. Alves  
(Recreio "B")  
beat Kwok and Tai ... 21-15  
lost to Hui and Lee ... 11-21  
beat Yong and Goh ... 21-13

Miss Silva is a slightly better player than Miss Khoo. She has had a great deal of experience and never loses her head. In addition, she has a very reliable service, which will be a most necessary asset against a player like Hui, who has a distinct partiality for anything a few inches over the net.

It is in this department that Miss Silva should have an edge over her opposite number. Miss Khoo, the last time I saw her play, was inclined to be weak in this respect, and unless she has improved considerably, she will not score very often on her own service.

#### VARSITY PAIR FAVOURED

The University players should enter the final, but I should not be surprised in the slightest degree if it does not take them three sets.

I do not think that S. A. Gray and Miss Alison Mackenzie will have much of a chance against M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva. Apart from the question of combination—the latter pair have played together for years—Gray is not the player that Oliveira is.

The latter has earned for himself, in recent games, the reputation of being a shaky starter and without doubt, he is inclined to nervousness in the early stages, but for that matter, Gray also takes some time to settle down. Oliveira is a strong finisher and this will probably weigh the balance in favour of the Portuguese pair.

#### BETTER IN LEAGUE

There is not a great deal to choose between the two ladies. Miss Silva has probably shown up better in the League, but better partners have had a great deal to do with this.

Miss Mackenzie has rather a tendency to lose her head in the face of a smash, but has some adroit touches at the net.

MIXED DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL  
(King's College, 8.30 p.m.)

P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo v L. A. Carvalho and Miss C. Silva

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v S. A. Gray and Miss A. Mackenzie

H. A. Noroama and C. C. Pereira  
(Recreio "B")  
lost to Kwok and Tai ... 9-21  
beat Hui and Lee ... 21-8  
lost to Yong and Goh ... 15-21  
(Continued on Page 19)



### RUMJAHN FULLY EXTENDED

Luk's Remarkable Performance

### VETERANS STAGE COMEBACK

(By "ADREM")

Ng Sze-kwong, one-time champion of the Colony, who has been out of competitive tennis for some time, made a remarkable come-back in partnership with Hon Luen-fung in the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony at the Hong Kong C.C. yesterday in fine, but sultry weather. Ng showed that he has retained much of his old mastery and ably supported by his partner, also in the veteran stage, they beat H. T. Bee and H. Y. Hsu in straight sets.

It was a real pleasure to watch Ng. He never appeared in any hurry and exploited a sound chopped forehand when receiving service, which invariably had his opponents in difficulties. His counter-craft was an education. He never played a thoughtless stroke and varied his pace very cleverly. Hon Luen-fung was a very reliable partner while Bee and Hsu were much too impetuous, both making numerous errors.

#### RUMJAHN EXTENDED

H. D. Rumjahn, last year's runner-up in the singles, as expected won his game, but had quite a fight to do so. I am not suggesting that he was ever in any danger of defeat, but in the second set he was forced to pull out everything he knew to prevent his opponent drawing level. Luk gave a remarkably plucky display and was continually on the attack. He exploited excellent driving on both hands and kept his opponent running from side to side with well-placed shots into the corners. If he had shown more aptitude on the forecourt, he might have been responsible for the biggest upset of the year.

As it happened, he was loathe to follow up his driving with the result that he almost invariably broke down in the sustained driving bouts, in which Rumjahn was mostly kept on the defensive.

#### POWERFUL SERVICE

Rumjahn played very well indeed. He served with power and precision and was reliable off the ground. He never seemed particularly anxious to take the net, however, and seemed quite content to wait for his opponent's mistakes.

In the other open games, Crawford easily beat his clubmate, G. C. Burnett while Capt. Coppering, a newcomer to local tennis, swamped S. S. Chin, only conceding one game in two sets.

#### MARATHON STRUGGLE

The first match in the Club Mixed Doubles was played off yesterday and resulted in a win for F. V. Harrison and Miss Dodwell over A. S. Read and Miss Armstrong after a marathon strug-

### INTERESTING OPEN DOUBLES ENCOUNTER

Good Recreio Pair  
On View

NG KAM-CHUEN  
SHOULD WIN

Three singles and one doubles matches are down for decision this afternoon, in the Colony Open Tennis Championships on the Hong Kong C.C. courts.

The best game should be seen in the doubles between A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, and F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang. The latter pair play a steadier brand of tennis and should just manage to win.

H. Owen Hughes is meeting Ng Kam-chuen in the singles, and can hardly expect to win against an opponent who combines powerful ground-strokes with excellent volleys.

A fine struggle should be witnessed between Chan Kam-hung and Li Kwan-hung which the former, who plays a good all-court game, should win.

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

##### Open Singles

F. V. Harrison v Mr. Nai-kwong  
H. Owen-Hughes v Ng Kam-chuen  
Li Kwan-hung v Chan Kam-hung

##### Open Doubles

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios

##### Club Handicap Singles

C. C. Stark (+3.6) v G. Polglase  
(-1.6)

##### Club Handicap Doubles

F. R. Nigel and R. M. M. King (+4.6)  
v E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb (+1.5)

##### Club Mixed Doubles

W. Wooding and Miss Ward v J. C. Pool and Miss Allen

R. L. D. Wodehouse and Mrs. Wodehouse v J. F. L. Smalley and Miss Smalley

gle. The standard of tennis was fairly good, both ladies being reliable and making some excellent recoveries. The winners won the first set after a great struggle and appeared good for a straight sets' victory when they levelled the score after trailing 2-4. Read and Miss Armstrong were not to be denied, however, and won the next two games, although they had to fight hard for the second, when the opposition saved at least half a dozen set-points.

The final stanza played in semi-darkness, was won fairly easily. Miss Armstrong showed distinct promise and was the better of the two ladies. She has a reliable service, hits the ball very hard on the forehand, and is not afraid of a volley.

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

##### Open Singles

A. Crawford beat G. C. Burnett 6-0,

6-2 Capt. Coppering beat S. S. Chin 6-0,

6-1 H. D. Rumjahn beat Luk Chun-cheung 6-1, 7-5

##### Open Doubles

Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fung  
beat H. T. Bee and H. Y. Hsu 6-1,

6-4

##### Club Championship Singles

B. O'M. Deane received a w/o from

F. A. Redmond

##### Club Handicap Singles

J. Thomson (-1.6) beat R. M. M.

King (+3.6) 7-5, 6-8, 6-3

##### Club Mixed Doubles

A. K. Mackenzie (+1.6) beat R. K.

Valentine (+1.6) 6-1, 7-5

A. C. L. Bowker (Scr.) beat T. C.

Monaghan (-4.6) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5

##### Club Mixed Doubles

F. V. Harrison and Miss Dodwell  
beat A. S. Read and Miss Armstrong

8-6, 4-6, 6-3

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#### AEROPLANE FLAPS INNOVATION

(By STEVE SNIDER)

Connersville, Indiana.

**A**B. JENKINS, America's hope to better the world land speed record held by Sir Malcolm Campbell, works daily with a corps of engineers on body designs of a new twin motored racing car he expects to exceed 360 m.p.h. In his famous Bluebird, Campbell attained a new mark of 301 m.p.h. on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah in 1935.

"MANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ON THE CAR STILL ARE UNSOLVED, BUT I BELIEVED IT WILL HIT 350 OR 360 M.P.H. WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY," JENKINS SAID. "NATURALLY, I PLAN TO USE THE SAME 13 MILE STRAIGHTWAY CAMPBELL USED. IT'S THE BEST SPEEDWAY SURFACE IN THE WORLD."

Jenkins holds 144 speed and endurance records set last summer over an oval course on the Utah salt beds. This will be his first major attempt with a super-powered car. "One of the chief problems in designing a racing car capable of exceeding 350 m.p.h. is to keep it balanced at terrific speeds," he said. "At this speed a car has a tendency to take off like an aeroplane, thus throwing off the steering."

## SHANGHAI FOOTBALL SENSATION

C.N.A.A.F. "ON MAT" FOR RIOT

LOYALS—TUNG HWA MATCH SEQUEL

Shanghai, March 9.

The Shanghai Football Association Executive yesterday considered the reports on the abandonment of the match at the Stadium between the Loyals Regiment and the Tung Hwa. It was held that the responsibility for the control of the arrangements at the Stadium rested on the China National Amateur Athletic Federation.

The Shanghai Football Association decided that the match should be replayed at the Canidrome at an early date, and that until further order the Stadium ground should be out of bounds for football matches played under S.F.A. auspices.

It was disclosed that only six constables of the City Government Police were on duty at the Stadium on Saturday and they could not handle the disorder which arose.

### FREE ENTRY

Apparently at half-time permission is given for the entry of spectators free of charge. This arrangement results in the congregation of large numbers many of whom have little or no knowledge of the game. Their entry and presence is considered to be mainly responsible for the disorder which occurred.

It was felt that both teams—The Loyals and the Tung Hwa—played clean and sporting football and admirably conducted themselves in trying circumstances when the crowd invaded the playing ground.

"It's going to be just as hard to figure a design for brakes powerful enough to stop a racer from 350 m.p.h."

Jenkins, an adviser in the experimental department of an automobile company, said he planned to install two 1,800 horsepower engines on a 200-inch wheelbase chassis.

Windtunnel tests on the streamlined body design already are under way and final tests likely will be accepted late in March, Jenkins said.

### HORIZONTAL RUDDER

"We plan to use a horizontal rudder to keep the front of the car from sailing off the ground," the veteran driver explained.

"For the brakes, something new must be designed. Ordinary brake styles—no matter how strong—are out of the question."

"I am having flaps, or side wings, similar to those on an airplane, fixed up to assist in the braking."

### HINGED WINGS

These hinged wings will be operated by a lever and pulled open by the motor when I want to stop. It may take a lot of experimenting before we get what we want."

Jenkins sought aid from several of the nation's leading engineers, including Augie Duesenberg.

He said he also planned to rebuild his Mormon Meteor, in which he established his 144 marks last year, and attack all records.

### V.R.C. Badminton Hopes

THE Victoria Recreation Club badminton players will make a strong bid for the Junior Badminton Championship next season. Several of their exponents can be seen at the Club daily at 7 p.m. learning the fundamentals of the game. They will probably enter two teams.

They also showed the right spirit in at once arranging to protect the referee from the crowd's attack.



## JUNIOR FOOTBALL INTERPORT

### LIMITATION OF SERVICEMEN

### SHIELD FINAL CLASH

The forthcoming Interport football game against Macao has aroused considerable interest in Junior football circles and there is much speculation as to the composition of the team, which will make the trip to Macao on April 11.

Unfortunately this date coincides with the final of the Shield competition and it is probable that none of the players from the Engineers and the Rifles, the two finalists in the Junior Shield competition, will be available, there is however sufficient material from the other clubs for a good side to be raised.

At the last Council meeting of the Football Association, a letter was read from Mr. F. Silva, of Macao, requesting that a team composed of Junior players be sent to Macao, at some time convenient to the local Association, and the matter was referred to the Management Committee.

### SERVICE PLAYERS

The letter further stated that the Interport should be run on the same lines as the Hong Kong-Shanghai Interport, in which case only three Service players will be included in the team, but it is understood that Macao are being approached on this question.

Few of the members of the Football Association seem to watch junior games outside of matches in which their own teams are playing, and the final selection of the team will no doubt be difficult.

### REPRESENTATIVE

It has been suggested by a member of the Council that the most equitable solution would be to make the team as representative as possible, and as there are no less than 23 clubs playing in the Second and Third Divisions, there should be no difficulty in selecting a side, even if the rule limiting Service players to three was observed.

Commissioned Gunner C. G. Warren, one of the selectors of the Interport team, has been appointed manager of the team.

### RECREIO "B" BADMINTON WIN OVER VARSITY

(Continued from Page 18)

ST. ANDREW'S LOSE  
At St. Andrew's Church Hall last night, the Victoria Recreation Club beat St. Andrew's "B" by 6 games to 3 in the "B" Division:

F. A. Madar and J. P. Dawson (St. Andrew's "B")

lost to S. A. Runjahn and C. N. da Silva 2-2

beat A. J. Basto and A. O. Barreto 24-21

lost to M. M. de V. Soares and C. A. Gaan 17-21

W. Knox and H. R. Darby (St. Andrew's "B")

lost to Runjahn and Silva 11-21

lost to Basto and Barreto 3-21

lost to Soares and Gaan 0-21

M. Weil and G. White (St. Andrew's "B")

lost to Runjahn and Silva 15-21

beat Basto and Barreto 21-18

beat Soares and Gaan 21-10

### ONE FOOTBALL GAME FOR WEEK-END

On account of the Combined Manoeuvres, only one match will be played in the Hong Kong Football League over the week-end. On Sunday, South China "A" will meet Eastern at Caroline Hill in a First Division match commencing at 4.30 p.m.

# BIG SPORTS CENTRE FOR SHANGHAI

## AMBITION SCHEME IS ANNOUNCED

### GYMNASIUM, ICE RINK AND POOL

A SCHEME to furnish Shanghai with a modern, well-equipped athletic hall and indoor arena has been developed. The new establishment, which will cost approximately \$1,750,000, including land, equipment and buildings, will be situated on a plot of ground at the corner of Burkhill and Myburgh Roads with an entrance from Bubbling Well Road.

The announcement of this project was made yesterday by the board of directors of the new athletic hall, which will be known as the Olympia. Many business men of the city are on the board, while Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, is to be a patron.

The board includes the following: Messrs. N. F. Allman, A. D. Bell, M. Speelman, James H. Lee, H. F. Payne, Dr. C. Kuangson Young, William Z. L. Sung, N. L. Sparke, F. Siemssen, Wm. P. Hunt, R. T. McDonnell, E. A. Meyerink, T. C. Pan, G. M. Rosse, C. B. Morrison.

#### ICE SKATING RINK

Architect's plans have already been completed. They call for the construction of a building with two floors, fitted with a refrigeration system.

The first floor will contain a swimming pool and ice-skating rink while the gymnasium will be on the second floor. The building itself will cost approximately \$700,000 while almost \$250,000 is to be spent in refrigeration and athletic equipment, furniture and fixtures.

#### 320 FOOT FRONTAGE

The building will occupy 11 mow of land, the cost of which is placed at \$750,000. The structure, when completed, will have a 320-foot frontage on Burkhill Road with a 220-foot frontage on Myburgh Road. A private roadway more than twenty feet wide, will lead from Bubbling Well Road to the main entrance. Room for parking space has been provided.

The Olympia will be capitalised \$2,000,000. It also will be incorporated under the China Trade Act, United States.

### TOM PARKER TO MANAGE SOUTHAMPTON

London, February 18.

Mr. Tom Parker, manager of Norwich City, has been appointed secretary-manager of Southampton, for which club he formerly played as full-back. With the consent of the Norwich directors he will take up his new duties shortly before Easter.

Parker, who was born at Southampton, began his football career with the "Saints" in the first season after the War. In seven seasons with Southampton he played in 275 League and Cup matches, and was capped for England against France in 1925.

#### FANLING GOLF RESULTS

A. D. Humphreys with a card of 30-9-71, qualified for Adamson Cup from a field of 16. In the Bogey (Par) Pool competition played over the week-end at Fanling, A. E. Lissmann (3) won from 25 entries with a card of 4 up. Other scores were G. S. Chambers (20) 3 up; G. C. Worrall (10) 1 up and W. J. S. Key (9) all square.

### MACAO SPORTS CONTINGENT FOR COLONY

#### Easter Holiday Feature

### HOCKEY TEAM MAY COME

In response to an invitation by Club de Recreio, representative tennis and badminton teams of Macao will visit Hong Kong on Saturday, March 27. The visit will be in the nature of a return sports meeting to the contest which was held in Macao last October.

The players selected for Macao's "A" team are J. Senra Fernandes (Capt.), A. H. Mello, Alex Boyol, Alfredo Silva, Jose Boyol and Alberto Jorge.

Macao's "B" team will consist of H. Bradley, L. Mello, Y. C. Yuen, E. Silva, A. Pereira and Luiz Gomes.

Playing in the Mixed Doubles will be the following pairs—Miss Helena Ribeiro and A. H. Mello; Mrs. H. Bradley and Jose Boyol; Miss Vera Senra Fernandes and J. Senra Fernandes.

#### RADMINTON TEAM

The badminton team has not yet been selected. Eduardo Silva, the Captain, states that the players will include several youngsters.

It is possible that the Macao hockey team will be included in the visit to Hong Kong. A match will be played in Hong Kong, stated Lieut. F. O'Costa, if the Shanghai hockey team does not happen to visit Macao at this time. The Macao Lyceum (School) teams will also visit Hong Kong and will engage clubs in badminton and ping-pong. It is expected that the school will meet the Central British School in a friendly soccer encounter of satisfactory arrangements are made.

### ANGUS SEED TO MANAGE BARNSLEY

London, February 14.

Mr. Angus Seed, manager of Aldershot, was last night appointed secretary-manager of Barnsley.

Mr. Seed started his playing career in 1921 with Leicester Fosse, and has been since continuously connected with the game as player, trainer and manager. He is an elder brother of Mr. James Seed, manager of Charlton.

THE CHINA MAIL, MARCH 16, 1937.

### LINCOLNSHIRE AND GRAND NATIONAL

#### Latest Betting Figures

### SOME JOCKEYS APPOINTED

London, Yesterday.  
The following is the latest call-over for the Grand National:

Golden Miller, 9 to 1  
Royal Mail, 100 to 9, t and o.  
Ego, 100 to 9 o, 100 to 8 t  
Didoric, 100 to 7 o, 15 to 1 t  
Packabelle, 100 to 7 o, 15 1 t  
De La Chance, 100 to 6, t and o.  
Don Bradman, 18 to 1 o, 20 to 1 t  
Misdeameour, 25 to 1, t and o.  
Pencraik, 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t  
De Le Neige, 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t  
Ready Cash, 33 to 1, t and o.  
Ready Cash's trainer says that his leg is improving and the decision whether to run will be made probably on Wednesday.

Rimwell will ride De La Chance, and Danny Morgan will take out Golden Miller.

The Lincolnshire  
Montesano, 21 to 2  
Takemy, 21 to 2  
Laureat, 18 to 1  
Nipaway, 18 to 1  
Edgewise, 20 to 1, t and o.  
Inchkeith, 20 to 1 o, 22 to 1 t  
Scotch Trout, 25 to 1, t and o.  
Pricket, 25 to 1, t and o.  
Straight Deal, 25 to 1, t and o.  
Marmaduke Jimks, 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t  
Volts, 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t  
Judo, 28 to 1, t and o.  
Zelmos, 28 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t  
Boston West, 28 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t  
Lost Scent, 33 to 1, t and o.  
Fairplay, 33 to 1, t and o.  
Overcoat, 33 to 1, t and o.  
Lisloon, 40 to 1 o, 45 to 1 t  
Ormenus is to be scratched.—Reuter

### LORD ASTOR'S EARLY SCHOOL SCRATCHED FROM DERBY

London, Yesterday.—Lord Astor's much-favoured entry for the Derby, Early School, was scratched at 9 a.m. to-day. Lord Astor is still represented by Pot-Boiler and Cashhook, but Early School's leg trouble seems once again to prevent Lord Astor and Gordon Richards from winning for the first time this much coveted event.—Reuter.



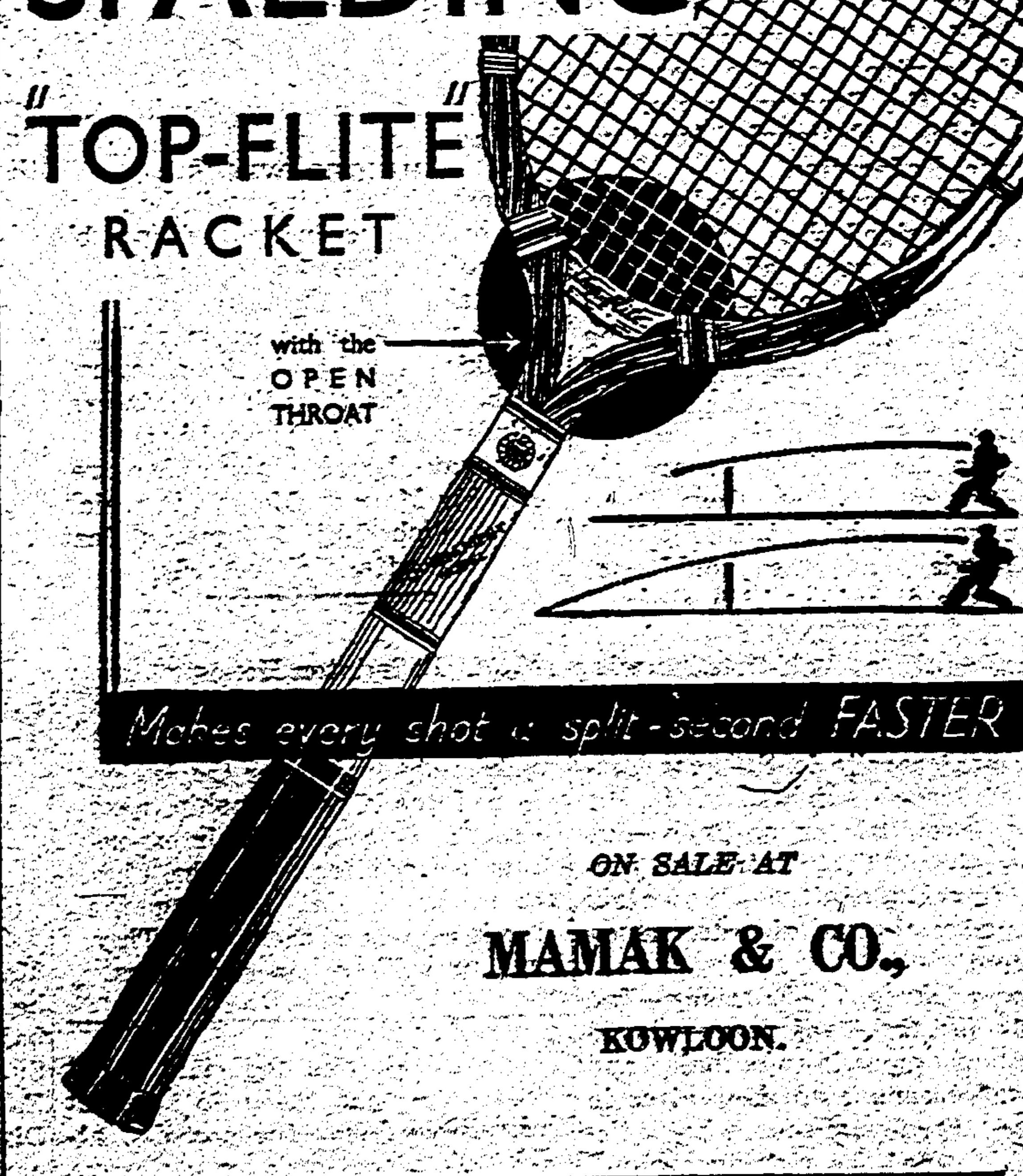
Katherine Rawls, above, who represented the United States at the World Olympiad in Berlin last August, will be among the party of five swimmers invited to Japan for a series of events next summer.

#### Major Foley Going Home

A MONG the many sportsmen who will be proceeding home by the Troopship Dorsetshire on April 16 is Major P. F. Foley, R.E., who is well known in hockey and yachting circles. His yacht, Tern, has been placed in several races this season.

## SPALDING

### "TOP-FLITE" RACKET



## AMERICAN SWIMMERS FOR JAPAN

### TWO OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS INCLUDED IN TEAM

#### U.S. FEDERATION'S PROTEST

Shanghai, March 11.

A TEAM of five American swimmers and divers, including one girl, will compete in Japan this summer, it was decided by the American Swimming Federation last Tuesday, according to a special dispatch to the "Asahi" from New York states the "Japan Advertiser" on March 6. The squad's personnel includes leaders in the free style, breast stroke and back stroke swims and in diving. Those chosen to make the trip are:

JACK MEDICA, WINNER OF THE OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE 400-METRE FREE STYLE RACE AT BERLIN, AND RUNNER-UP IN THE 1,500-METRE EVENT. HE HAS COMPETED IN JAPAN TWICE IN THE PAST AND WILL APPEAR AT THE IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY INDOOR POOL ON APRIL 29 ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES FROM AUSTRALIA.

Adolf Kiefer, Olympic champion in the 100-metre back stroke swim. He holds the world's records for all distances in the dorsal style of swimming.

John Higgins, foremost American breast stroke swimmer who placed fourth in the 200-metre breast stroke event at Berlin last summer. He is an exponent of the powerful but tiring butterfly stroke which was introduced by American swimmers here two years ago.

Elbert Root, winner of second place in the high diving event at the 11th Olympiad.

#### MISS K. RAWLS

Miss Katherine Rawls, runner-up in the springboard diving seventh place winner in the 100-metre free style swim at the Berlin Games. She is a star all-round maid, being among the best in the United States in the back stroke and breast stroke events as well as in the free style swim and in diving.

Miss Rawls is the record holder for the 300-yard individual medley race, which is composed of 100-yard laps in the free style, breast stroke and back stroke swims. She won the U. S. national championship last summer in this event for the sixth time in succession.

#### KIPHUTH INVITED

The American Swimming Federation has not approved Japan's proposal that Kiefer's coach, Mr. Brauminger, accompany the team, but suggests that Mr. Robert Kiphuth, the United States Olympic swimming coach who has already visited Japan twice as mentor of American swimming teams, again make the trip, the paper reports.

However, if Japan insists on Mr. Brauminger, the A. S. F. will undoubtedly accede to the request, it is believed. The official announcement on this issue is expected within the next few days.

#### ANONYMOUS £500 TO HELP SUSSEX

In a sporting effort to reduce Sussex County C.C.'s deficit—they lost £1,994 last season—a member who prefers to remain anonymous has sent £500. The secretary has offered to accept a reduction of £50 a year for three years and the assistant secretary 10 per cent. The players contribute their share with a 5 per cent. reduction.



John Higgins, above, the world famous American breast-stroke swimmer, who came third in the Berlin Olympics last August, is seen using his famous butterfly-breast-stroke. He will travel to Japan with a party of five American swimmers next summer.

#### F. A. "PROBATIONERS" PLAN OPPOSED

Hertfordshire F. A.

Up In Arms

London, February 18.—The Hertfordshire F.A. has notified the F.A. that it is opposed to the proposed change in the rules which will permit boys between the ages of 15 and 17 to be signed on as probationary professionals with the consent of their parents or guardians.

Surrey County F.A. at last night's meeting also decided to oppose the proposed new rule, but agreed to the proposed alteration of Rule 29 to compel clubs who employ amateur players to satisfy the F.A. that the player is not receiving consideration for his playing services.

#### HE SECURED SIX WICKETS WITH 6 BALLS

Brisbane, February 16.

Six wickets with successive balls was the phenomenal performance of L. Walker, a former suburban cricketer, in a match at Brisbane yesterday.

When Walker was put on to bowl the score was 133 for one. At the end of the over the score was 133 for seven! Walker's final analysis was seven wickets for 36 runs. He bowled nine overs.

stead professional, on level terms—and beat them 2 up in a four-ball contest, says a Durban message.

Nathan had the best round of the four with a 71. Padgham was next best with a 72. The caddies had a better ball score of 70 to the British players' 71.

The British players, with their team-mates W. J. Cox and Abe Mitchell, leave Capetown to-day for home.

## BRITISH GOLF STARS ECLIPSED

### INDIAN CADDIES IN LIMELIGHT

#### TOURISTS LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA

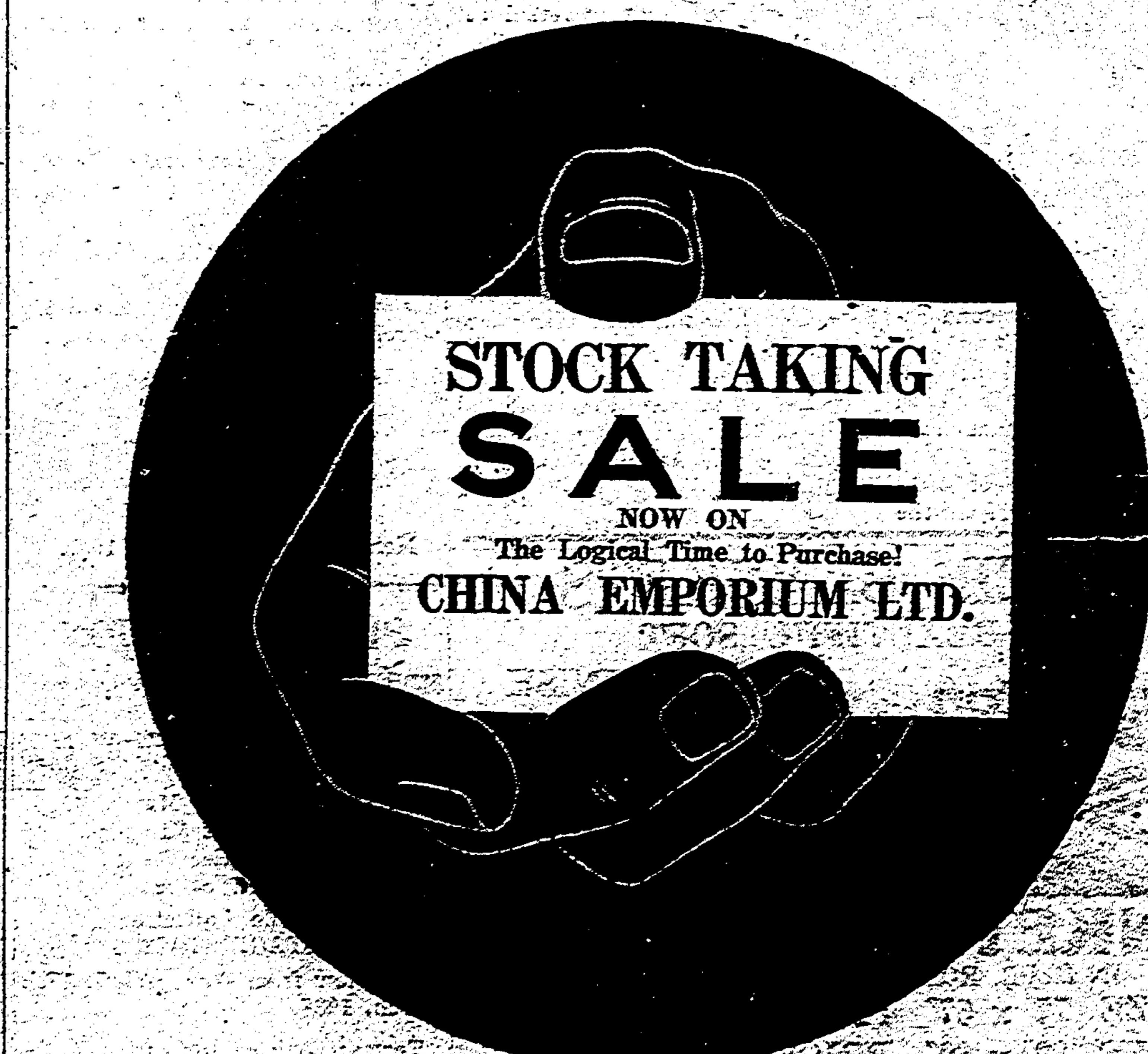
London, February 17.

What are names in sport? Ever heard of Sweeper Sadh and Jack Nathan? Of course, you haven't.

After all, a couple of Indian golf caddies are not world-famous. But they became local heroes in South Africa overnight.

The reason was that they met A. H. Padgham, British open champion, and Alan Dailey, the Wan-

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## LINCOLN MEETING OPENING OF FLAT RACING

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LONDON, TO-DAY.  
THE FLAT RACING SEASON, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE A RECORD ONE, OPENED AT LINCOLN IN SENSATIONAL FASHION IN SUNNY BUT CHILLY WEATHER YESTERDAY, WHEN THERE WAS A SLIGHT FALL OF SNOW.

The first sensation was provided in the disqualification of Parkin, winner of the Canwick Maiden Plate, by the Stewards following the fall of two horses.

They suspended the jockey, Sammy Wragg, for the remainder of the meeting, so he cannot ride the quietly fancied Bonc in the Lincolnshire.

Boldness, winner of the Brocklesby Trial Handicap, paid 155 to 1 for a win on the totalisator.

The daily double yielded £310 for ten shillings.

### HAT-TRICK FOR JOCKEY

Ehpraim Smith, who will ride Edgehill in the Lincolnshire, performed the "hat-trick" with three successive winners, while Gordon Richards drew blank in every race.

Everything is in readiness for the big race on Wednesday, which the betting shows to be as open as usual.

The going is excellent but heavy and it is not unlikely that an outsider will win.—Reuter.

## SUNDERLAND WIN AT THIRD ATTEMPT

In F.A. Cup Semi-Final  
By Four Clear Goals

London, To-day.  
Sunderland, the League champions, succeeded in their second replay in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup yesterday, when they beat Wolverhampton by four clear goals on Sheffield Wednesday's ground.—Reuter.

Sunderland will now meet Millwall, the "giant killers" from the

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### COMPANY MEETINGS

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 22nd March, 1937, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 12th to 22nd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1936.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th March to 23rd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 25th March 1937, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th March 1937, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 5th March 1937.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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Thursday, the 18th March, 1937  
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### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, 17th March, 1937.

A WREATH will be laid at the CENOTAPH by the President and Committee of St. Patrick's Society at 11.00 a.m. Members of the Society and their friends are asked to assemble on the North side of the Supreme Court prior to the Ceremony.

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E. J. R. MITCHELL,  
Manager for South China.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

RAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on Saturday, 27th and MONDAY, 29th March, 1937, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 18th March, 1937.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED

Fourteenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor) Hong Kong, on Wednesday the 31st March, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending the 28th February, 1937, and of electing two directors and an auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 31st March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board  
of Directors,

FUNG PING FAN,  
Director & Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1937.

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- 41.—Large Teak Office Desk.
- 42.—Teak Glass door Cabinet.
- 43.—Large Chest of Drawers.
- 44.—Ladies Dressing Table.
- 45.—Small Teak Wardrobe.
- 46.—Large Teak Cupboard.
- 47.—Single Iron Bedstead.
- 48.—Small Chest of Drawers.
- 49.—Single Teak Bedstead.
- 50.—Phone Your Swaps 30761.
- 51.—Large Teak Linen Chest.
- 52.—Old Teak Dresser.
- 53.—Marble Top Teak Dresser.
- 54.—Gate; eg Dining Table.
- 55.—Small Centre Table.
- 56.—Secrétaire & Bookcase.
- 57.—Large Tin Lined Linen Box.
- 58.—Large Bar Mirror.
- 59.—Old Wardrobe Trunk.
- 60.—Double Bedstead Teak.
- 61.—3 Fold Bedroom Screen.
- 62.—Child's Dressing Table.
- 63.—Enamelled Rattan Set.
- 64.—Small Tan-sad Push Cart.
- 65.—Pr. Rattan Fernpot Stands.
- 66.—Small Travelling Trunk.
- 67.—Teak Armchair Rocker.
- 68.—Large Roll-top Desk.
- 69.—Small Office Desks.
- 70.—Office High Desk.
- 71.—High Table for Radio.
- 72.—Small Teak Bookrack.
- 73.—3 Vols Eng. Educator.
- 74.—5 Vols Gresham Library.

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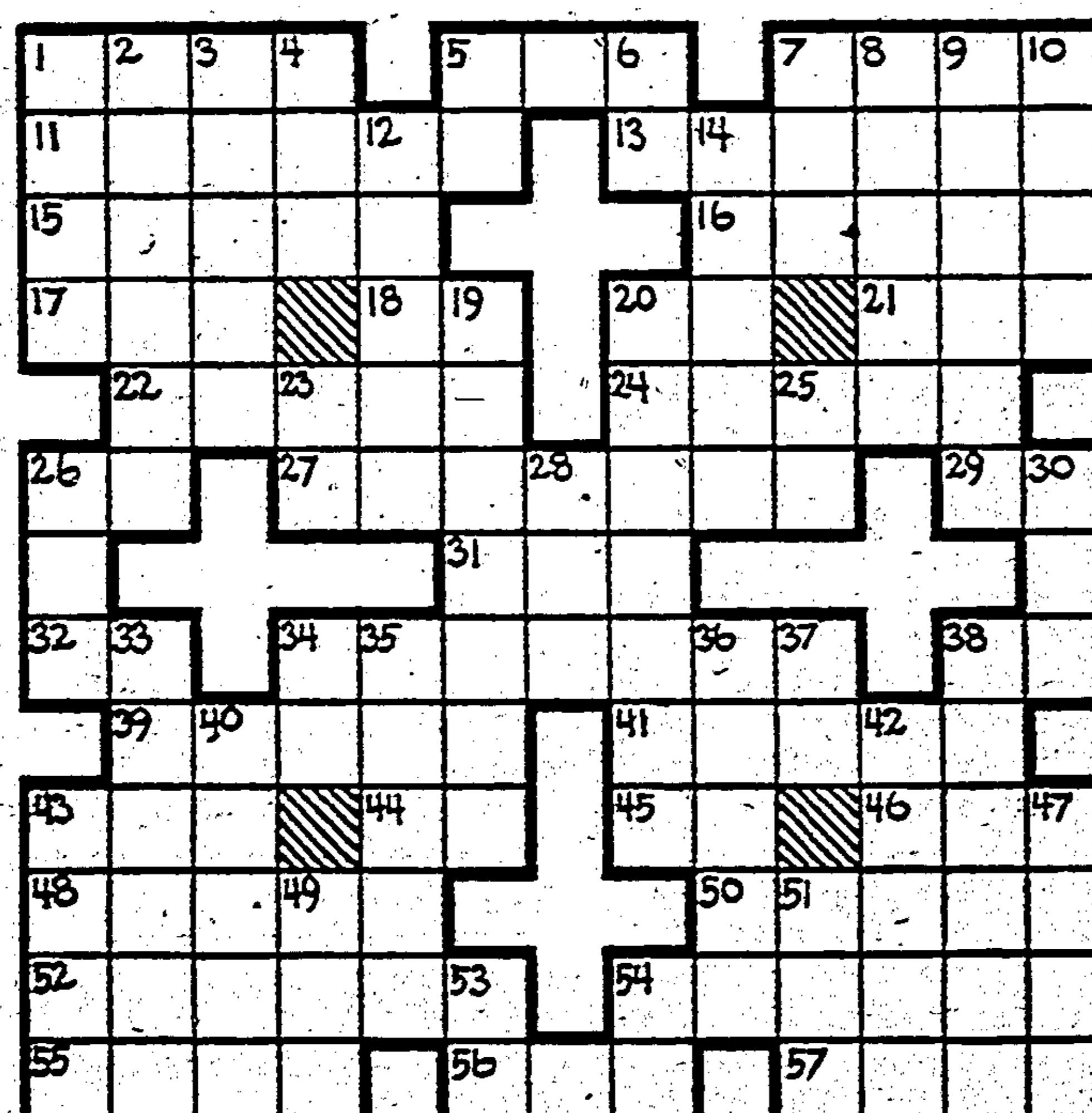
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



### HORIZONTAL

1.—Not strong.

5.—Bag.

7.—A serpent (pl.).

11.—Mean.

13.—Am'm.

15.—Piece of rock.

16.—Combining form.

"Ancient."

17.—A fowl.

18.—A continent (abbr.).

20.—Prefix. From

21.—Cat cry.

22.—Reclines.

24.—Pertaining to Ellis.

26.—Exists.

27.—A small bone.

29.—Saint (abbr.).

31.—Before.

32.—A negative.

34.—Under.

38.—Committed to any action.

39.—Wasted.

41.—Makes dirty.

42.—Open (post).

44.—Because.

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

45.—Half an em.

46.—Alderman (abbr.).

48.—Massive.

50.—To adorn.

52.—Trusts.

54.—Lofty and towering.

55.—Scrutinized.

56.—Deep hole.

57.—Terminates.

### VERTICAL

1.—Desire.

2.—Penetrates.

3.—Make amends for.

4.—To know (Scot.).

5.—A clerical degree (abbr.).

6.—Father.

7.—Man's name.

8.—Girl's name.

9.—Dresses with the beak.

10.—Pack.

12.—Bird-homes.

14.—Name words out of letters.

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

19.—Agrees.

20.—Die.

23.—Very.

25.—Electrical Engineer (abbr.).

26.—Tavern.

28.—Anger.

30.—Weight measure.

33.—Hawk-like bird.

34.—Exist.

35.—Growing out.

36.—Having tone.

37.—Islands in the Pacific (abbr.).

38.—Land surrounded by water.

40.—English poet.

42.—Persian coin (abbr.).

43.—Demon.

47.—Tints.

48.—Help.

51.—Reformed Protestant Episcopal (abbr.).

53.—A European country (abbr.).

54.—Near by.

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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# WE THOUGHT IT WAS THE END OF THE WORLD

**£77,000,000 Revenue From Tobacco**

London, To-day.  
The Chancellor of Exchequer, answering a Parliamentary question in the House of Commons said that the approximate net amount of revenue derived from imported tobacco during 1936 was £77,770,000.—British Wireless.

## ALLEGED MASSACRE

ABYSSINIAN AFFAIR IN COMMONS

FOREIGN OFFICE EVASION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
UNEASINESS OVER THE FATE OF THE POPULATION IN ABYSSINIA WAS EXPRESSED AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON, JR., LABOUR MEMBER FOR KINGSWINFORD

Mr. Henderson asked whether the League of Nations was not under an obligation to look after the welfare of nationals of a State that was still a member of the League.

"Can the League ignore the massacres that have taken place in Addis Ababa?" he asked.

Viscount Cranborne, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs replied that only the League of Nations could answer the question.

He declared that he had nothing to add to the answer he gave on March 11, when Mr. Henderson had asked whether the British Government would change its attitude on the Abyssinian question.—Trans-Ocean.

## NAPHTHA DEPOSITS IN RUSSIA

Important Discovery Near Novorosisk

MOSCOW, To-day.  
Important naphtha deposits have been discovered and are being exploited near Novorosisk.

Twenty wells have been bored and, although over a third of these are not yet in operation, a daily production of 150 tons of naphtha is being obtained, with a 40 per cent. gasoline content.

It is estimated that production this year will total 100,000 tons.—Trans-Ocean.

## Mr. Kirkpatrick On Return Trip

Mr. W. M. Kirkpatrick, British representative in China of the Export Credits Department, who has been visiting Canton, sailed for Shanghai yesterday in the President Mackinley, accompanied by Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

## Survivor's Story In Manila Factory Explosion

Manila, To-day.

"A deafening roar, then darkness. We thought it was the end of the world."

IT WAS IN THESE DRAMATIC WORDS THAT A SURVIVOR OF THE CATASTROPHE IN THE FLASH FIRECRACKER COMPANY TOLD HIS STORY TO REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT THIS MORNING.

The explosion in the factory occurred while the workers were collecting their salaries yesterday.

About 100 women and girls were employed in the factory and many were saved through jumping from the windows into a swamp in which the factory is situated.

### BLOWN TO PIECES

The exact toll of the disaster is not yet known, owing to the difficulty in identifying the corpses. Most of the victims were blown to bits and many of those which escaped decomposition are unrecognisable.

It is reported, however, that at least 25 were killed and thirty injured.

### BOY SCOUT HERO

These include a 17-year-old Boy Scout who dashed into the burning building in an heroic attempt to rescue the shrieking women and girls who were trapped in the raging inferno.

The blast rocked that section of Manila within a radius of two miles, and a number of nearby inhabitants suffered concussion.—Reuter.

## HUGE FINE ON BANKER

Imposed In Italy In His Absence

MILAN, To-day.  
A fine of 9,000,000 lire has been imposed upon the head of a Swiss banking house in Milan, Herr Bornhauser.

The banker had been found guilty of infracting the Italian law for restriction of movements of foreign exchange across the Italian frontier.

Herr Bornhauser has fled to Switzerland to avoid being taken into custody, and the fine was imposed in his absence.—Trans-Ocean.

## THE OLD WARNING CRY DECREED

BERLIN, To-day.  
Commenting on the hostile attitude adopted by a certain section of the foreign press towards the German and Italian replies to the western pact questionnaire, the semi-official organ "Deutsche Diplomatische-Politische Korrespondenz" points out that the old warning cry of "Germany's desire to obtain a free hand in the East" is being given abroad.—Trans-Ocean.

## STOP PRESS

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## King Christian Visits Hitler

BERLIN, To-day.  
King Christian of Denmark visited Herr Hitler yesterday when he passed through Berlin en route for Copenhagen.

King Christian was returning after his winter vacation in the South of France.—Trans-Ocean.

## RIGHT TO FLY NEUTRAL FLAG AS A RUSE

'Adda' Incident Detailed In Parliament

London, To-day.  
The use of the British flag on a Spanish vessel in the recent "Adda" incident in Spanish waters, was the subject of a question in the Commons.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Cranborne, in reply, described the circumstances in which destroyers were sent, in response to distress signals, to the assistance of a vessel using the call-sign of the British steamship, Adda.

Before these arrived, it was learnt that the ship in question was foreign and it is understood to have been the Spanish steamer Mar Cantabro.

The employment of ruses, such as the use of a neutral flag by a merchant ship in order to escape capture by an enemy, Lord Cranborne added, is a right which is well established under international law and this case would not therefore justify the representations which were suggested by the questioner.—British Wireless.

## ITALIAN BRIGADES HELD UP

Salamanca, To-day.  
The insurgent forces are still battering against the loyalists on the Guadalajara sector, where the Italian brigades are not making much progress.

On the Jarama River front, however, the rebels claim to be steadily pushing forward.—Trans-Ocean.

## GAS-MASKS COMPULSORY

New Czechoslovakian Decree

PRAGUE, To-day.  
Publication of a new law-making possession of a gas-mask by every man, woman and child in Czechoslovakia compulsory, has resulted in the formation of 48 new gas-mask factories.

Instruction courses in the use of the masks, and general rules for defence against air-raids, have been instituted by one large factory.

It is planned to institute similar courses throughout the country.—Trans-Ocean.

## SHELLS ON RIVIERA ISLAND

While the three light divisions of the French Mediterranean Fleet were at target practice 10 5-inch shells landed on an inhabited island known as Porquerolles, one of the Hyeres group.

A number of children narrowly escaped injury when one of the shells buried itself in the earth 2 feet yards away from where they were playing.

There is to be an official inquiry. It has also become known that a sailor of the submarine Doris was killed during the manoeuvres. At the moment when a 75mm gun was discharged he was passing a gangway in the line of fire and the shell struck him full in the chest.

Air Commodore Charles Dempster Preese has been appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 17 (Training) Group from a date next month.

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